

Woodbine *Big Dreams* Scholarship

Guidelines

DEADLINE: April 1

DESCRIPTION:

The Woodbine *Big Dreams* Scholarship was established in 2011 to help inspire the next generation of creative thinkers, writers and commercial artists in the Winston-Salem community. The annual scholarship is awarded to graduating high school seniors who attend a Forsyth County high school, reside in the Foundation's service area, and who will pursue a career in the communication arts field.

The scholarship may provide a \$1,000 nonrenewable award for students who will attend an accredited vocational/technical school, community college, or college/university in pursuit of a certificate, diploma or degree. Scholarships will be applied to the cost of undergraduate tuition, fees, room and board, and other college expenses.

CRITERIA:

To receive consideration, applicants must:

- attend a Forsyth County high school and reside in the Foundation's service area (Davie, Davidson, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes, or Yadkin counties)
- be graduating high school seniors
- have a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.3
- demonstrate financial need, but not restricted to lower incomes (student's financial need and merit will be considered equally)
- demonstrate outstanding school service and community involvement
- intend to major in communications, graphic design, journalism, public relations, creative writing, digital media or related field

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The online application is available on The Winston-Salem Foundation's Web site at www.wsfoundation.org/students. The following items must be submitted to the Foundation:

- online application completed in full

- high school grade transcript through the first semester of the 12th grade
- signed copy of parents' federal tax return from previous year

The application and all supplemental materials must be received by the deadline indicated above in order to receive consideration. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS:

A Student Aid committee of The Winston-Salem Foundation will select recipients. The committee reserves the right to rescind an award should a recipient's circumstances change, such as failure to graduate from high school or failure to enroll at an accredited institution. The Foundation reserves the right to withhold the award in the event that no applicants are deemed to meet the qualifications.

PAYMENT PROCESS:

Once recipient(s) have been selected, checks will be issued jointly to the college and to the recipient, and will be mailed to the recipient's home address for the student to deliver to the college's financial aid office. Separate checks will be issued for fall and spring semesters. Check processing requires approximately two weeks.

MANAGEMENT OF FUND:

The Woodbine *Big Dreams* Scholarship is administered by The Winston-Salem Foundation. As the fund grows, the number and dollar amount of scholarships may be increased. Contributions from the public may be made to the fund at any time. Gifts should be clearly designated for the Woodbine *Big Dreams* Scholarship and mailed directly to the Foundation. Questions regarding this scholarship may be directed to The Winston-Salem Foundation's Student Aid Department at (336) 714-3445 or StudentAid@wsfoundation.org.