

Paul M. Wiles Scholarship

Guidelines

DEADLINE: April 1

DESCRIPTION:

The Paul M. Wiles Scholarship was established in 2011 in honor of Paul Wiles upon his retirement from Novant Health, Inc. to provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors who intend to pursue careers in a clinical medical field and whose parents are employees of Novant Health, Inc. or its affiliates. The scholarship may provide three \$1,000 renewable awards for students who will pursue full-time undergraduate degrees from accredited post-secondary institutions. One additional \$1,000 award may be available to students who will attend an accredited vocational/technical school or community college in pursuit of a certificate, diploma or degree in a clinical medical field.

Scholarships will be applied to the cost of undergraduate tuition, fees, room and board, and other college expenses. The scholarship seeks to identify a balance of diverse candidates.

CRITERIA:

To receive consideration, applicants must:

- be graduating high school seniors from an accredited high school or accredited home school whose parent(s) are full-time, vested employees (currently employed for at least one year in a full-time status) of Novant Health Inc. or its affiliates. A qualifying child is defined as eligible to be covered under the employed parent's health insurance benefit plan
- have a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 for four-year college or university admissions and 2.75 for vocational/technical school or community college and a transcript reflecting successful completion of advanced science or allied health courses.
- demonstrate financial need, but not restricted to lower incomes (student's merit will be considered to a greater degree)
- intend to pursue an undergraduate degree in a clinical medical field (ex: nursing, biology, chemistry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, clinical psychology, clinical laboratory, microbiology, nutrition, etc.)

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
- one recommendation as described in the online Student Aid Application
- 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.

RENEWAL PROCESS:

Awards are renewable for three additional consecutive years if recipient maintains full-time enrollment, a minimum cumulative college GPA of 2.5 as verified by the year-end academic grade transcript, and the continued pursuit of a degree or certificate in a clinical medical field. Recipient must request an official grade transcript from the college's Registrar and forward it to the Foundation by July 1 each year. Any student failing to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 at academic year-end may be considered again for renewal at the end of the next academic year. Consideration for renewal must not exceed the initial duration of the scholarship except under extenuating circumstances as approved by a Student Aid committee (not to exceed one additional academic year.)

MANAGEMENT OF FUND:

The Paul M. Wiles 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 Paul M. Wiles 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.