



Koo Family Interfaith Community Engagement Scholarship

Goals and Requirements:

The Koo Family Interfaith Community Engagement Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to Wilkes Honors College students who support their local community through service to a faith-based organization. Scholarship recipients may choose to intern with an organization that reflects their own religious worldview, or they may choose to expand their understanding of another religious worldview through an internship that falls beyond what is culturally familiar to them. Recipients may themselves be religious or non-religious, but they must respect the values and customs of the organization they serve while an intern. These scholarships shall be awarded on the basis of financial need and merit without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, or handicap.

Scholarship recipients will be required to complete a minimum of three credits (120 hours) of academic service learning with a 501 c 3 non-profit organization during each academic year the scholarship is received.

Details of the Scholarships:

Students may receive up to \$2,500 in scholarship funds to be applied toward their tuition and fees during an academic year, including the summer term. The scholarship director will review and renew scholarships on an annual basis. Renewal will be based upon internship/service-learning evaluations and accomplishments and academic performance in the Wilkes Honors College (maintaining a minimum of 3.0 GPA at the Wilkes Honors College is required). Annual renewal is pending available funds. All funds must be utilized during the university fiscal year (July 1-June30) during which the scholarship is awarded.

Responsibilities of the Recipients:

While the specific responsibilities of each student may vary, all scholarship recipients must complete a minimum of three credits (and 120 hours) of an academic service learning internship for each year the scholarship is received. At the end of the academic year, each intern must submit a written report to the scholarship director detailing their experiences and accomplishments. Each intern will be evaluated by both their internship supervisor on site and their academic internship advisor prior to receiving their final (S/U) grade for the internship credits.

Qualifications and Guidelines for Application:

Recipients must:

- ✓ Meet with the program director in advance of submitting an application to ensure that the funding is available, learn about existing internships with faith-based organizations, explore new links with organizations, and understand what is expected of interns in the program.
- ✓ Provide an application letter to the program director describing the applicant's learning goals for the internship as well as how the organization may benefit from the particular intern.
- ✓ Maintain a cumulative Wilkes Honors College GPA of 3.0 or above
- ✓ Provide a résumé detailing community service, employment history, academic achievements, skills and interests, and honors and awards
- ✓ Provide financial-need documentation

