

Ken and Susan Cooper Memorial Scholarship 2012



Rotary Club of Stennis Space Center

As a Charter Member and Inaugural President of the Rotary Club of Stennis Space Center, Ken Cooper left a legacy that has spread far beyond south Mississippi and Louisiana. His leadership and guidance helped the Club to grow into a viable entity that is providing hope and assistance to numerous people within the southeastern United States. It is in Ken Cooper's honor that the Club established this undergraduate scholarship to be awarded to a worthy high school graduating senior. Ken's wife, Susan, actively supported this effort and was present when the first scholarship was awarded in 2008. Later that same year, Susan passed away. It was her wish that memorials be made to this scholarship, and the Club elected to rename the scholarship to honor them both.

The Ken and Susan Cooper Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, is provided annually on a competitive basis based upon the criteria listed below. In addition, since Ken was a Hydrographer by profession, the scholarship will take precedence to students planning careers in Hydrography, the Marine Sciences, or a related field. Ken Cooper truly believed in the avenue of service, so students awarded this scholarship are expected to participate in service projects during the school year. Two projects are recommended. Finally, the student is invited to attend a Rotary Club meeting to present his or her activities to the Club.

Application Criteria:

1. Residence – The student must be graduating from a high school in Louisiana or Mississippi in 2012 and must provide proof of acceptance into a college or university.
2. Essay – The student desiring to compete for the scholarship must first submit a short (1 page) essay describing themselves, their scholarship to date and any service activities in which they have participated. The student should also suggest some potential service avenues that they might pursue during their first year in college.
3. Scholarship – The student should have at least a "B" average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale). Students with lower grade point averages may be accepted if they have an exceptional record of service.
4. Service – The student must provide evidence of prior community service. Exceptional amounts of community service may help offset lower grade point averages.
5. Additional Factors – Additional factors such as disabilities and economic disadvantages may also be considered for those applicants that might not otherwise have opportunities for scholarship. Applicants must be deemed a "good risk" in that they will likely pursue their chosen field of study.

Requirements:

1. Field of Study - The student must be entering into a field of study that would support a career in either Hydrology or the Marine Sciences. Acceptable fields of study include: Biology, Geography, Mathematics, Oceanography, Physics, Marine Biology, Marine Geology, Marine Science, and Marine Technology. If another science is proposed, the student must define how the field of study relates to ocean science.
2. Service Projects - The student should participate in at least two service projects throughout the school year. These projects can be with a local Rotary Club, through a school organization, or through a local charity or agency. The Student should document the project to the best of their ability through photos, notes, etc. This information should be used to create the final report to the Stennis Rotary Club at the end of the school year.
3. Report - The student should be available to give a report to the Rotary Club of Stennis Space Center at the end of the school year. The content of the report can be of the students choosing; however, the year-end presentation must relate the experiences of the student over the past year and their impressions of the service projects in which they participated.

Award:

Award of the Ken Cooper Memorial Scholarship will occur after **April 15, 2012** at a time and place determined by the President of the Rotary Club of Stennis Space Center. The recipient will receive a scholarship amount of \$1,000 for use in school related expenses.

Deadline

Application packages must be submitted to the Rotary Club of Stennis Space Center at the address below no later than **April 1, 2012**. The Scholarship Committee, selected annually by the President of the Rotary Club of Stennis Space Center, will review all applications and select the scholarship recipient no later than **April 15, 2012**. The student must be able to meet their chosen university's admission requirements.

Contact:
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Ken and Susan Cooper Memorial 2012 Scholarship Application

Please see Application Criteria and Scholarship Requirements prior to filling out this application.

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First MI

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State Zip

Phone: () Email Address: _____

Educational Information

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____
Street Address

City State Zip

Date of Graduation: _____ Grade Point Average (with scale): _____

[**NOTE: PLEASE ATTACH PROOF OF GPA**](#)

Name of College/University Attending Fall 2012: _____

Address: _____
Street Address

City State Zip

[**NOTE: PLEASE ATTACH PROOF OF ACCEPTANCE TO COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY**](#)

Field of Study:

Hydrography Marine Sciences Biology Geography Mathematics

Oceanography Physics Marine Technology Marine Geology

Other (Please specify and tell how it relates to Ocean Science)

Essay

Please write a one-page essay describing yourself, your scholarship to date, any service activities in which you have participated, and any potential service avenues that you might pursue during your first year in college. You may use this space or attach an additional piece of paper.

Service Information

Please list your past or present Community Service Activities. You may attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

Additional Factors

Please list any additional factors such as disabilities and economic disadvantages that you wish to have considered for this scholarship. You may attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

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