

MARY L. COOPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Information and Application Link

Who is Mary L. Cooper:

She was a lifelong learner who served over 30 years in education and counseling with continued education in Christian ministry. She was a mentor to many. As a single mother of four, she knew she had to provide her children with a safe, structured life, and her presence and direction instilled in her children the benefits of higher education. All four children received post-college and terminal degrees. She saw her purpose and passion in assisting not only her own but anyone with whom she came in contact. Mary L. Cooper was a teacher, mentor, counselor, and excellent listener who used discussion and questioning skills to push the metacognitive and develop intuitive, creative, and self-thinkers of others.

*Mary's God-inspired passion was helping others, particularly the underrepresented and minorities, regardless of color, status quo, or dependence. She would guide others to find their true passion, purpose, and pathway. She focused on the positive outcomes and spoke boldly about her direction and journey. One of her most infamous quotes was, "**I don't have to tell you; watch me.**" She was a living example that with education and prayer, you are limitless. Living out your dreams and ideas doesn't require approval or validation from others; walk in silence, move with faith, and get it done.*

Why an Educational Scholarship?

The aim is to provide financial support to those striving for a college degree, continuing education, or additional career certification in the education and counseling field of study. The assistance will alleviate some of the costs associated with attending or transitioning back to college.

Scholarship Application Process

The Mary L. Cooper Memorial Scholarship awards scholarships based on a comprehensive process. Areas that the committee reviews include but are not limited to the following: Academic accomplishments, community service, references, and personal essays.

***Complete the application form - [click here](#)-** or see the link below. Have the following documents ready to upload.

- A copy of an Official high school or graduate transcript.
- Two letters of recommendation
- Proof of *acceptance* from a college or university for post-secondary studies, master's degree, or certification program.
- A minimum 250-word essay on your commitment, vision, and mission to helping others while in the field of education.

****The deadline for the application is April 1, 2024.**

Application link: <https://forms.gle/DshyBG4UJcgjjTwg8>