

2019-2020 THEODORE R. AND VIVIAN M. JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP & SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The Johnson Scholarship, funded by the Johnson Scholarship Foundation, is a competitively awarded program which is available to undergraduate students with disabilities enrolled in a State University System of Florida (SUS) institution. Students must meet the following requirements to be considered for scholarship selection:

- Be a **Florida resident** for tuition purposes, based on Section 1009.21, Florida Statutes. (Students who receive the out-of-state fee waiver are not eligible as they are not residents for tuition purposes);
- Be seeking a **first baccalaureate** degree;
- Complete a Theodore R. and Vivian M. Johnson Scholarship **Application**;
- **Meet academic requirements**;
- **Provide documentation** of the nature and/or extent of a disability; and
- Submit a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** or Renewal FAFSA form by the required deadline and be determined to have unmet fiscal need. Students may submit a FAFSA at: <https://fafsa.edu.edu>. Be sure that the Federal School Code for your university is designated so that the university has access to your results. You do not need to submit a separate FAFSA or a copy of your FAFSA if you completed one electronically.

IF SELECTED, RECIPIENTS MUST:

- Complete and return an acceptance form or contact by the date specified on your notification letter. Failure to return the acceptance form by the specified date will result in forfeiture of the award.
- Complete a minimum of nine (9) credit hours each semester unless you have an approved reduced course load accommodation.
- Adhere to the minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average requirement of this program.
- Participate in the Johnson Scholars Program.

THE JOHNSON SCHOLARS PROGRAM:

The purpose of the Johnson scholars program is to provide student success and engagement opportunities to enhance career development and job readiness skills. Each scholar is required to attend at least two events offered each semester.

FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS:

Initial applicants must provide an official current university transcript (not a photocopy) which documents a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) on all credits. High school students who are applying for the scholarship in the first year of college should submit a current high school transcript.

Applicants must provide documentation of the nature and/or extent of a disability. The disability must be in one or more of the following classifications: Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder; Autism Spectrum Disorder; Blind or Low Vision; Deaf/Hard of Hearing; Orthopedic Disability; Psychological, Emotional, or Behavioral Disability; Speech/Language Disability; Specific Learning Disability; Traumatic Brain Injury; and/or Other Health Disabilities.

Appropriate documentation includes, but is not limited to, either a recent psychological evaluation used to determine eligibility for exceptional student services, school/medical records, certification by the Division of Blind Services, or a Vocational Rehabilitation eligibility determination. Documentation provided must meet the guidelines require by the institution in which the student is enrolled. **If you are already registered with the UF Disability Resource Center and your documentation is on file with our office, you do not need to submit it again with this application.**

FIRST TIME APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED FAFSA BY FEBRUARY 1, 2019, TO FEDERAL STUDENT AID. THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE UNIVERSITY:

- A completed 2019-2020 Johnson Scholarship **Application** Form by the deadline;
- A current **official transcript** (students applying as a first semester freshman should provide their high school transcript) showing a 2.0 grade point average;
- Documentation of a disability(ies) if not on file at the Disability Resource Center
- A personal statement (no more than one double-spaced page) pertaining to your achievements, activities, career goals, and the effects of your disability(ies);
- Three letters of reference addressing your academic success and potential; and
 - Letters of reference can be from mentors, campus organization leaders, instructors, TA's, guidance counselors, etc.

NOTE:

If you receive a Johnson Scholarship, you must still apply for renewal consideration for each academic year in which you desire the award. Johnson Scholarship recipients may qualify for the award for up to twelve (12) semesters of undergraduate study.

RENEWAL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED FAFSA BY FEBRUARY 1, 2019, TO FEDERAL STUDENT AID. TO QUALIFY FOR CONSIDERATION OF RENEWAL OF THE SCHOLARSHIP, APPLICANTS MUST:

- Continue to have unmet financial need based upon FAFSA;
- Have completed at least 9 semester hours a semester (unless you have any approved accommodation), for a total of 18 semester hours;
- Have maintained a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least a 2.0; and
- Submit a completed 2019-2020 Johnson Scholarship Application form by the deadline to the scholarship coordinator at your state university, Amanda Brown.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

If you apply for admission at more than one SUS institution, submit completed Johnson Scholarship application materials to each university. The application should be sent to Amanda Brown. Applications, disability documentation, personal statements, letters of reference, and an official transcript must be **received by the institution(s) no later than April 1, 2019.**

NOTIFICATION

All applicants will be notified of their status as Johnson Scholarship recipients, alternate award candidates, or as students who were not selected. Notification letters will be emailed in July-August to the email address which is specified on the application forms.

AWARD PAYMENT

After verification of enrollment, the university will disburse the award on a prorated basis each academic term to eligible Johnson Scholarship recipients. The dollar amount of the 2019-2020 awards is contingent upon the level of funding from the Johnson Scholarship Foundation and the Florida Legislature. Typical disbursement occurs after the week of drop/add although this can vary.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please contact Amanda Brown at ABrown@ufsa.ufl.edu.

*This program is contingent upon annual funding by the Johnson Scholarship Foundation, Inc. and matching funding by the Florida Legislature

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION MATERIALS TO BE RECEIVED BY
THE UNIVERSITY(IES): April 1, 2019**

_____ **Deaf/Hard of Hearing.** A hearing loss of thirty (30) decibels or greater, pure tone average of 500, 1000, 2000, and 4000 hertz (Hz), unaided, in the better ear. Examples include, but are not limited to, conductive hearing impairment or deafness, sensorineural hearing impairment or deafness, high or low tone hearing loss or deafness, and acoustic trauma hearing loss or deafness.

_____ **Orthopedic Disability.** A disability of the musculoskeletal system, connective tissue, or neuromuscular system. Examples include, but are not limited to, cerebral palsy, absence of some body member, clubfoot, nerve damage to the hand or arm, cardiovascular aneurysm (CVA), head injury or spinal cord injury, arthritis or rheumatism, epilepsy, intracranial hemorrhage, embolism, thrombosis (stroke), poliomyelitis, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, congenital malformation of brain cellular tissue, and physical disabilities pertaining to muscles or nerves, usually as a result of disease or birth defect, including, but not limited to, muscular dystrophy and congenital disorders.

_____ **Psychological, Emotional, or Behavioral Disability.** Any mental or psychological disability including, but not limited to, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, or attention deficit disorders.

_____ **Speech/Language Disabilities.** Disabilities of language, articulation, fluency, or voice that interfere with communication in academic settings, employment preparation/training or social interaction on campus. Examples include, but are not limited to, cleft lip or palate with speech disabilities, stammering, stuttering, laryngectomy, and aphasia.

_____ **Specific Learning Disability.** A disability in one or more psychological or neurological processes involved in understanding or using spoken or written language. Learning disabilities may be manifested in listening, thinking, reading, writing, spelling, or performing arithmetic calculations. Examples include dyslexia, dysgraphia, dysphasia, dyscalculia, and other specific learning disabilities in the basic psychological or neurological processes. Such disabilities do not include learning problems that are due primarily to visual, hearing, or motor disabilities, to intellectual disabilities, to psychiatric or emotional disabilities or to an environmental deprivation.

_____ **Traumatic Brain Injury.** An injury to the brain, not of a degenerative or congenital nature but caused by an external force, that may produce a diminished or altered state of consciousness, which results in impairment of cognitive ability or physical ability and functioning.

_____ **Other Health Disabilities.** Any disability not identified in this subsection deemed by a disability professional to make completion of the requirement impossible.

CURRENT CUMULATIVE GPA: _____ UNIVERSITY: _____

HAVE YOU BEEN ADMITTED TO THE UNIVERSITY? (check one) ___ Yes ___ No

2019 – 2020 ACADEMIC LEVEL (check one):

___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior

ANTICIPATED UNIVERSITY GRADUATION SEMESTER: _____

I HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS A FLORIDA RESIDENT FOR TUITION PURPOSES BY THE UNIVERSITY (check one):

___ Yes

___ No

___ Unsure

SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION

I am registered with the Selective Service

I am not required to be registered with the Selective Service because:

I am female.

I am in the armed services on active duty (Note: This exception does not apply to members of Reserve and National Guard units who are not on active duty).

I have not reached my 18th birthday.

I was born before 1960.

I am a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands or a permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Palau).

Other (please specify): _____

CITIZENSHIP STATUS (check one):

I am a U.S. citizen.

I am a permanent resident alien.

I am a non-U.S. citizen or non-permanent resident alien and possess the following category of VISA (specify): _____

ETHNIC ORIGIN (Check one. Failure to disclose will not disqualify your application):

Alaskan Native

American Indian

Asian

Black (non-Hispanic)

Hispanic

Pacific Islander

White (non-Hispanic)

I AM (select one below):

A FIRST-TIME UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENT

A TRANSFER STUDENT SEEKING MY FIRST BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Checklist of Required Items to be Sent to the University for Initial (First Time) Application Consideration:

- Submit a completed 2019-2020 Johnson Scholarship Application submitted by the deadline;
- A current official (not a photocopy) transcript;
- Appropriate documentation of the nature and/or extent of a disability (if not already on file);
- A personal statement pertaining to your achievements, activities, career goals; and
- Three letters of references (not from relatives) addressing your academic success and potential. Reference letters can be from guidance counselors, advisors, instructors, TA's, mentors, student organization leaders, etc.
- You must complete an on-line FAFSA form by February 1, 2019. An additional copy of your FAFSA does not need to be included with your application.

Checklist of Required Items to be Sent to the University for Renewal Application Consideration:

- Submit a completed 2019-2020 Johnson Scholarship Application by deadline;
- Documentation of disability, personal statement, and letters of reference are NOT NEEDED
- You must also mail or complete an on-line FAFSA form to the address indicated on the FAFSA form by February 1, 2019.

I certify that I have read and understood the conditions for participation in this program. The information I am supplying in this application is true, complete, and correct. By signing the form, I also grant permission for information pertaining to my financial need, and all supporting application materials, to be released by the appropriate university to the Board of Governors Office for Academic and Student Affairs and Johnson Scholarship Foundation. NOTICE: If you purposely give false information, you may be subject to fine, or imprisonment, or both under 827.06, F.S.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUBMIT APPLICATION MATERIALS & REFERENCE LETTERS TO Amanda Brown VIA:

- ABrown@ufsa.ufl.edu
- PO BOX 114085 Gainesville, Fl. 32611
- Drop it by the DRC Main Office in Reid Hall M-F 8:00AM-5P