

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**

**2012-2013**

**THEODORE R. AND VIVIAN M.**

**JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP\***

IMPORTANT: READ AND RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION MATERIALS  
TO BE RECEIVED BY THE  
UNIVERSITY(IES): MAY 15, 2012**

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

The Johnson Scholarship, funded by the Johnson Scholarship Foundation, is a competitively awarded program which is available to undergraduate students with disabilities with financial need who enroll in a State University System of Florida (SUS) institution. You must adhere to the following application guidelines in order to qualify for full consideration.

#### **ALL APPLICANTS**

In order to demonstrate financial need, all applicants must complete a 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Renewal FAFSA form, and mail it to the appropriate address as indicated on the FAFSA form. To receive full consideration, the FAFSA should be mailed or completed on-line no later than April 15, 2012.

#### **INITIAL APPLICANTS MUST:**

Provide an official current 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 first year of college should submit a current high school transcript.

Provide documentation of the nature and/or extent of a disability. The disability must be in one or more of the following classifications: hearing impairment, physical impairment; specific learning disability; speech/language impairment; visual impairment; or other impairment. 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. Students must contact the University Office of Student Disability Services for clarification as to what is required.

Gain admission as a degree-seeking undergraduate student into a State University System of Florida (SUS) institution.

Have a demonstrated financial need (determined from FAFSA information).

Be determined to be Florida Residents for Tuition Purposes, based upon 1009.21, Florida Statutes.

Submit the following:

- A completed 2012-2013 Johnson Scholarship Application Form;
- A current official transcript
- Documentation of a disability(ies);
- A personal statement (no more than one double-spaced page) pertaining to your achievements, activities, career goals, and the effects of your disability(ies); and
- Three letters of reference addressing your academic success and potential.
- Mail or complete on-line a 2012-2013 FAFSA form as indicated above.

### **RENEWAL APPLICANTS MUST:**

Continue to have financial need and adhere to minimum enrollment, progress, and grade point average requirements of the program, plus:

- Submit a completed 2012-2013 Johnson Scholarship Application Form to the desired SUS institution;
- Mail or complete on-line a 2012-2013 FAFSA form as indicated above.

**Note: Former out-of-state Scholarship recipients who are eligible may continue to seek renewal. Florida residency for tuition purposes is required for all new applicants awarded Fall 2007 and beyond.**

### **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 the contact person listed at the end of this form.

Applications, disability documentation, personal statements, letters of reference, and an official transcript must be received by the institution(s) no later than May 15, 2012.

### **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 mailed in July to the permanent address which is specified on the application forms.

### **IF SELECTED, RECIPIENTS MUST:**

Complete and return an acceptance form 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.

First-time recipients must participate in a Johnson Scholarship orientation.

Complete a minimum of nine (9) credit hours each semester.

Adhere to the minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average requirement of this program.

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.

### **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 2012-2013 awards is contingent upon the level of funding from the Johnson Scholarship Foundation and the Florida Legislature.

### **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Call or write the appropriate university representative listed on the last page.



- \_\_\_ **Blind or Low Vision.** Disabilities in the structure and function of the eyes as manifested by at least one of the following: visual acuity of 20/70 or less in the better eye after the best possible correction, a peripheral field so constricted that it affects one's ability to function in an educational setting, or a progressive loss of vision that may affect one's ability to function in an educational setting. Examples include, but are not limited to, cataracts, glaucoma, nystagmus, retinal detachment, retinitis pigmentosa, and strabismus.
  
- \_\_\_ **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.
  
- \_\_\_ **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.
  
- \_\_\_ **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.
  
- \_\_\_ **Autism Spectrum Disorder.** Disabilities characterized by an uneven development profile and a pattern of qualitative impairments in social interaction, communication difficulties, and the presence of restricted repetitive or stereotyped patterns of behavior, interests, and activities. These characteristics may manifest in a variety of combinations and range from mild to severe.

**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, except documented intellectual disability, 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

2012 - 2013 ACADEMIC LEVEL:

(check one)  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

ANTICIPATED UNIVERSITY GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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\*):

Alaskan Native  Asian  Black (non-Hispanic)

American Indian  Hispanic  White (non-Hispanic)

Pacific Islander

(\*Failure to disclose your ethnic origin will not disqualify your application)

Initial applicants must submit to the appropriate University:

- A completed 2012-2013 Johnson Scholarship Application;
- A current official (not a photocopy) transcript;
- Appropriate documentation of the nature and/or extent of a disability;
- A personal statement pertaining to your achievements, activities, career goals; and
- Three letters of references (none from relatives) addressing your academic success and potential.
- You must also mail or complete an on-line FAFSA form to the address indicated on the FAFSA form by April 15, 2012.

Renewal applicants must submit the following to the appropriate University:

- A completed 2012-2013 Johnson Scholarship Application.
- You must also mail or complete an on-line FAFSA form to the address indicated on the FAFSA form by April 15, 2012.

**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 TO THE APPROPRIATE CONTACT PERSON(S)  
LISTED AT THE END OF THE APPLICATION.**

**Submit a completed application form and supporting materials to the appropriate contact(s) listed below:**

Danette G. Saylor, Ph.D., CRC  
Director  
Center for Disability Access and Resources  
Florida A & M University  
667 Ardelia Court  
Tallahassee, FL 32307  
(850) 599-3180  
(850) 561-2783 (TDD)

Ms. Nicole Rokos, Director  
Office for Students with Disabilities  
**Florida Atlantic University**  
Post Office Box 3091  
777 Glades Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431-0991  
Voice: (561) 297-3880  
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[Nrokos@fau.edu](mailto:Nrokos@fau.edu)

Ms. Cori Bright  
Office of Adaptive Services  
**Florida Gulf Coast University**  
10501 FGCY Boulevard, South  
Fort Myers, Florida 33965-6565  
V: (239) 590-7956  
TTY: (239) 590-7930  
[CBright@fgcu.edu](mailto:CBright@fgcu.edu)

Ms. Amanda L. Niguidula, MPA  
Director  
Disability Resource Center  
**Florida International University**  
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Miami, Florida 33199  
TDD/V: (305) 348-3852  
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Director of Student Disability Resource Center  
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[bawoniyi@fsu.edu](mailto:bawoniyi@fsu.edu)

Mr. Christopher Pantzis, Director  
Student Disability Services  
**New College of Florida**  
5800 Bayshore Road  
Sarasota, Florida 34243  
Telephone: 941-487-4254  
Email: [Pantzis@ncf.edu](mailto:Pantzis@ncf.edu)

Ms. Pamela Rea, Director  
Student Disability Services  
**University of Central Florida**  
P.O. Box 160161; FC 132  
Orlando, Florida 32816-0161  
V: (407) 823-2371  
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[prea@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:prea@mail.ucf.edu)

Dr. Jim Gorske,  
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**University of Florida**  
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TDD: (352) 392-3008  
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**University of North Florida**  
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Jacksonville, Florida 32224-2645  
TDD/V: (904) 620-2769  
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Students with Disabilities Services  
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