

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA

2008-2009

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, 2008**

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

The Johnson Scholarship, funded by the Theodore R. and Vivian M. Johnson Scholarship Foundation, Inc., 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 2008-2009 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, 2008.

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 2007-2008 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 2008-2009 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 2008-2009 Johnson Scholarship Application Form to the desired SUS institution;
- Mail or complete on-line a 2008-2009 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, 2008.**

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 2008-2009 awards is contingent upon the level of funding from the Theodore R. and Vivian M. Johnson Scholarship Foundation, Inc. and the Florida Legislature.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

_____ 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 2008-2009 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 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, 2008.

Renewal applicants must submit the following to the appropriate University:

- A completed 2008-2009 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, 2008.

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. 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.**

University Contacts

Submit a completed 2008 – 2009 Johnson Scholarship application form and supporting materials to the appropriate contact(s) listed below:

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