STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA

2026-2027

THEODORE R. AND VIVIAN M. JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP*

Application for Returning Johnson Scholars

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION MATERIALS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE UNIVERSITY: MAY 1, 2026

IMPORTANT: READ AND RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

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

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

- Be a Florida resident 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(ies)
- Demonstrate financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)/institutional need. Submit a FAFSA or renewal FAFSA form by the required deadline at https://fafsa.edu.edu. Confirm that the Federal School Code for your university is designated so that the university can access your results in assessing your unmet financial need.

IF SELECTED, RECIPIENTS MUST:

- Complete and return an acceptance form or contact the appropriate institution representative (listed at the end of the application) by the date specified in 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 or 18 credit hours over fall, spring, and summer semesters.
- Maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average requirement of this program.
- Continue to have unmet financial/institutional need.

NOTE: Renewal applications must be submitted each academic year to be considered for the scholarship award. Johnson Scholarship recipients may qualify for the award for up to 120 semester credit hours of undergraduate study.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

If you apply for admission at more than one institution, submit the completed Johnson Scholarship application materials to each university. The application should be sent to the contact person listed at the end of this form. The application and any required supporting materials must be ***received by the institution(s) no later than May 1, 2026.***

NOTIFICATION

All applicants will be notified of their status as Johnson Scholarship recipients, alternate award candidates, or students who were not selected. Notification letters will be mailed in July to the permanent address specified in the application form.

AWARD PAYMENT
After enrollment verification, the university will disburse the award each academic term to eligible Johnson Scholarship recipients on a prorated basis. The dollar amount of the 2026-2027 awards is contingent upon the level of funding from the Johnson Scholarship Foundation and the Florida Legislature.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Contact the university representative listed at the end of the application.

State University System of Florida
Johnson Scholarship
Funded by the Johnson Scholarship Foundation
2026–2027 Renewal Applicant Form

The appropriate State University System of Florida institution must receive this form and supporting application materials by May 1, 2026. Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you choose to apply to more than one institution, you must submit complete application materials to each. You may email the application and supporting documents or mail the materials to the appropriate address listed at the end of this form.

All applicants **must** complete a 2026–2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form or a renewal FAFSA form online or mail it to the address indicated on the FAFSA prior to submission of this application to receive full consideration.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Current Address: _____
Street Address

_____ _____ _____
City State Zip

_____ _____
Telephone Number Email Address

Name of the institution where you last received the Johnson Scholarship: _____

CHECK ALL DISABLING CONDITION(S) THAT APPLY:

___ **Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder**. A chronic condition manifested by hyperactive and impulsive behavior, significant symptoms of inattention, or both. The behavior and symptoms have a significant impact on cognitive ability and academic functioning.

___ **Autism Spectrum Disorder**. Disabilities characterized by an uneven development profile and a pattern of qualitative impairments in social interaction, communication difficulties, and/or the presence of restricted repetitive or stereotyped patterns of behavior, interests, and activities. These characteristics may manifest in various combinations and range from mild to severe.

___ **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.

___ **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-induced 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 areas such as 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 environmental deprivation.

___ **Traumatic Brain Injury**. An injury to the brain, not of a degenerative or congenital nature but caused by an external force, may produce a diminished or altered state of consciousness, resulting in impairment of cognitive 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 GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____

2026–2027 ACADEMIC LEVEL (check one):

_____Freshman _____Sophomore _____Junior _____Senior

ANTICIPATED UNIVERSITY GRADUATION DATE: _____

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

____Yes ____No ____Unsure

I AM AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SEEKING MY FIRST BACCALAUREATE DEGREE:

____ Yes ____ No

Checklist of required items to be sent to the university for renewal application consideration:

- A completed 2026-2027 Johnson Scholarship Application by the deadline
- University access to the evaluation by Federal Student Aid of the student's FAFSA
- A current official transcript
  NOTE: Some universities can review your academic progress electronically and may not require you to send a transcript. ***Check with your university coordinator to determine if you need to send an official transcript.***

I certify that I have read, understood, and agree to the conditions of 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 about 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 fines, imprisonment, or both under 827.06, F.S.

Signature:_____ Date:_____ Univ. ID#: _____

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

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