



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
of Calhoun County

E.C. Lloyd and J.C.U. Johnson Scholarship Fund

Tribute: Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Johnson, a retired school teacher, has made this fund available due to her value of education and her support of area young people. This award is funded through Mrs. Johnson's Family Fund also at the Community Foundation of Calhoun County.

Awards: The Lloyd-Johnson Scholarship Fund is a renewable two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) award intended to provide supplemental funding for full- or part-time enrolled students to any accredited two- or four-year college or university within the United States. The award is not restricted to any specific area of study or academic degree.

Due to the renewable nature of the fund, it may not be available on an annual basis. Please contact the Foundation to inquire about award dates.

Application: Guidelines and applications are available from the Community Foundation or online at www.yourcommunityfirst.org. The Community Foundation will maintain and revise the guidelines and application documents as necessary.

Essay: An essay is required with the application. The student is asked to describe his or her personal aspirations, educational or career goals, and how the scholarship will help the applicant achieve these goals. This composition should be typed and be no longer than three double-spaced pages. The applicant should conclude the statement with the main reason why the committee should award him/her the scholarship.

Eligibility: Graduating seniors from any public or private high school, including home school, are eligible to apply for the scholarship without regard to race, religion, gender, national origin or disability. Priority will be given to seniors with financial need, discernable academic ability and good character. Preference will be given to applicants who are the first in their family to attend college.

In compliance with IRS regulations, the Foundation's Board of Trustees, staff and Scholarship Committee members, including their spouses, children, adopted children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, are prohibited from applying or receiving any scholarship, grant or financial award from the Foundation.

Confidentiality: The Foundation respects the privacy and confidentiality of all personal information. Thus, no personal individual or family financial information is provided to the Scholarship Committee. The staff only forwards the application for those students who qualify under the fund guidelines. After the review process, all of the application copies are professionally shredded by the staff.

Review Process: Students are required to submit the application packet to the Community Foundation by **February 1**. The Foundation's staff will review the application for clarity and completeness, make copies of applications, provide ranking forms and convene the Scholarship Committee. Committee members will meet to review the applications, conduct interviews, if necessary, and hold a final determination meeting with Foundation staff. This recommendation is submitted to the Foundation's Board of Trustees for final approval. Ideally, awards will be finalized to accommodate high school award ceremonies and college acceptance due dates.

Award Payment: Payment is made at the beginning of the academic term (quarter or semester) once the Foundation has received official proof of registration. This is the responsibility of the student.

It is the hope of the donor and the Foundation that recipients will continue to qualify for the Lloyd-Johnson Scholarship. Factors that are used in evaluating, renewing or terminating the award include.

- Continuing to financially need the award.
- Maintaining good personal standards and moral character.
- Meeting the minimum academic requirement of a 2.5 or "C" average on a 4.0 scale.
- Remaining enrolled as a part- or full-time student.
- Progressively completing academic courses of substance aligned with a specific major or degree.
- Graduation within two or four years unless there is some extenuating circumstance granted in writing by the Foundation.
- Lack of assets available to fund the scholarship.

Continuing scholarship payments are made based on regular (quarterly or semester) reviews. Distributions will not be made until the Foundation receives the (i) signed letter of acceptance provided by the Foundation, (ii) certified proof of enrollment from the institution and (iii) confirmation that the recipient is enrolled. Checks are made directly to the financial administration office at the college or institution. No distribution will be made to any individual for any reason.

Students must notify the Foundation of any additional educational or financial aid grants or awards immediately. In addition, the Foundation is to be notified if there is any change in the student's financial support.

The scholarship recipient must provide the Foundation with an official college or university transcript at the end of each academic term (quarter or semester). Failure to maintain the above standards will result in the termination of the Lloyd-Johnson Scholarship.

Responsibility of Recipient: Each scholarship recipient is responsible for fulfilling requirements for admission to the educational institution of his or her choice. The scholarship recipient must enter a post-secondary institution no later than the fall term following the selection and award; otherwise, they forfeit the award. No award shall be carried over beyond twelve months from the date of acceptance. Recipients not completing the full academic year must request the school to reimburse the Community Foundation of Calhoun County for any funds eligible for refund because of separation from the academic program.

Assumptions: The Lloyd-Johnson Scholarship Guidelines are not a contract. No obligation or liability of any kind will be imposed upon a scholarship recipient; nor will the Community Foundation of Calhoun County, except as expressly stated in this document, assume any obligation or liability.

These guidelines are subject to change; therefore, applicants should inquire if revised guidelines have been reissued. This may include the due date of the application documents.

The Community Foundation will not (i) accept applications that are presented after the due date, (ii) contact students to locate missing documents such as letters of recommendation, (iii) contact students to return the Letter of Acceptance form, or (iv) contact students to provide proof of enrollment in order to receive payment.