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*2009 Guidelines and Application for: Johnson County Scholarship Fund and Johnson County Education Growth Scholarship Fund**

***Please note: While this new combined application replaces the two separate scholarship fund applications used in the past, the Johnson County Scholarship Fund and the Johnson County Education Growth Scholarship Fund remain separate scholarships with different criteria and parameters. Please read each of the scholarship guidelines and criteria BEFORE completing the application.**

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Heller at East Tennessee Foundation, toll-free (877) 524-1223 or via e-mail at bheller@etf.org

Johnson County Scholarship Fund *(Applicants must be graduating seniors at Johnson County High School.)*

The Johnson County Scholarship Fund was established by anonymous donors in order to provide high school graduates from Johnson County, Tennessee, the opportunity to continue their education at the accredited, not-for-profit colleges/universities of their choice.

In creating this scholarship program, the donors chose to support students from Johnson County to promote the positive impact that higher education can have in enhancing the economic and sociological climates within Johnson County communities. It is the desire of the donors to recognize those students, however, who may not have the highest scholastic rankings, but who have the potential to successfully complete college and who could not enroll in a degree program without significant financial assistance.

The scholarship is administered through East Tennessee Foundation (ETF). ETF is a nonprofit regional community foundation serving 25 counties in East Tennessee. Governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, its mission is to create stronger communities and better lives through thoughtful giving. All scholarships are awarded in accordance with East Tennessee Foundation scholarship policies.

Johnson County Scholarship Fund Guidelines:

1. Applicants must be graduating seniors at Johnson County High School.
2. The scholarship is intended for individuals pursuing undergraduate degrees in accredited, not-for-profit colleges/universities or community colleges anywhere in the United States.
3. Recipients must enroll and remain enrolled as full time students as defined by the college or university each is attending.
4. Scholarship awards may be used to support tuition, fees, and/or any other academic-related expenses.
5. Scholarships may be renewed for up to eight consecutive semesters or twelve consecutive quarters (not necessarily including summers) as long as recipients maintain at least a 2.5/4.0 grade point average each term they are enrolled.
6. Neither the scholarship committee nor East Tennessee Foundation shall discriminate on the grounds of disability, age, race, color, religion, sex, ethnic origin, or any other classification protected by Federal and/or Tennessee state constitutional and/or statutory law.

Johnson County Scholarship Fund Selection Criteria:

The Johnson County Scholarship Fund selection will be based on the applicant's demonstration of financial need and academic promise. Recommendations regarding the selection of recipients will be made by a committee consisting of the Johnson County High School Guidance Counselor, the heads of each department at the school, and representatives from the Johnson County Community Foundation Board of Advisors. Applicants will be notified by mail of the committee's decision as early as possible following receipt of the committee's recommendation.

Johnson County Scholarship Fund Grant Information:

At least one, 4-year (8-semester) scholarship in the amount of \$7,500 per year (adjusted annually to account for inflation as determined by the Consumer Price Index) will be made in the form of grants to the institution of each recipient's choice. The award will be made in two distributions: one will be made at the beginning of the fall semester and the second at the beginning of the spring semester and may be used to support tuition, fees, and any other related academic expenses.

Johnson County Education Growth Scholarship

*(Applicants must be graduating seniors, high school graduates or GED recipients **and** residents of Johnson County for at least the past 12 months)*

The Johnson County Education Growth Scholarship was established through a gift from the Levi Strauss Foundation with support from Johnson County businesses, banks, individuals, and the Johnson County Community Foundation.

The Johnson County Education Growth Scholarship Fund is a component fund of the Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF). JCCF is an affiliate fund of East Tennessee Foundation (ETF).

The purposes of the Johnson County Education Growth Program are:

- ◆ To provide opportunities for students to attend college,
- ◆ To increase parent/guardian involvement in their children's education,
- ◆ To motivate high school students to upgrade academic competencies while in high school,
- ◆ To enable students with the opportunity to overcome critical training barriers, leading to successful job placement, and
- ◆ To provide an incentive for Johnson County residents to remain in the region.

Johnson County Education Growth Guidelines:

- ◆ Applicants must be graduating seniors, high school graduates or GED recipients.
- ◆ Applicants must reside in Johnson County or have a custodial parent or court-appointed legal guardian who currently resides in Johnson County and has for 12 months prior to applying for the scholarship. Documentation to substantiate residency may be required.
- ◆ Students may receive scholarship assistance for up to **four semesters** during a period not to exceed **two calendar years**. Summer semester will count as one of the four semesters for which scholarship assistance may be made available.
- ◆ Students must be enrolled for a minimum of **12 course hours** each semester.
- ◆ Scholarship awards may be used to support tuition, fees, book purchases and/or any other academic-related expenses.

Johnson County Education Growth Scholarship Fund Selection Criteria

The Johnson County Education Growth Scholarship Fund selection will be based on the applicant's demonstration of financial need and academic promise. Recommendations regarding the selection of recipients will be made by a committee consisting of the Johnson County High School Guidance Counselor, the heads of each department at the school, and representatives from the Johnson County Community Foundation Board of Advisors. Applicants will be notified by mail of the committee's decision as early as possible following receipt of the committee's recommendation.

Johnson County Education Growth Grant Information

At least one, 2-year (4-semester) scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 per year will be awarded. As the Fund grows, additional \$500 scholarships may be offered, or individual assistance may be raised to \$1,000 per semester.

The scholarship award is renewable for up to two years as long as the student continues to meet the program's minimum requirements:

- ◆ Students must maintain a cumulative 2.0 overall GPA.
- ◆ Students must remain enrolled as full-time students (12 or more credit hours each semester).

The East Tennessee Foundation and the Johnson County Community Foundation do not discriminate on the grounds of disability, age, race, color, religion, sex, ethnic origin, or any other classification protected by Federal and/or Tennessee state constitutional and/or statutory law.

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2009 Application Form for Johnson County Education Growth Scholarship and Johnson County Scholarship Fund

Application Procedure:

You may apply for either or both scholarships and it is possible to receive both scholarships.

For Johnson County Scholarship Fund: You must send nine (9) sets of the application and attachments, including the originals, collated in the order listed below:

For Johnson County Education Growth: You must send nine (9) sets of the application and attachments, including the originals, collated in the order listed below:

Application packets must include the following: (No staples please!)

1. Completed application form.
2. A cover letter describing the applicant's education plans, career goals, and outstanding qualities.
3. High school/college transcripts or GED scores.
4. Official ACT or SAT scores.
5. A photocopy of the applicant's **Student Aid Report**, which is a document received from the Federal Financial Aid Processing Center after the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is processed. Submitting the FAFSA on the Web will process the application more quickly.
6. Two letters of recommendation from high school teachers, principals, or counselors; or, from other non-family members who can speak to the applicant's personal attributes and potential for success in college.
7. Copies of any supporting material (i.e. certificates of achievement) which the applicant feels would assist the scholarship selection committee in making its decision (optional).

PLEASE CHECK ALL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

Johnson County Scholarship _____

Johnson County Education Growth Scholarship _____

Please consider me for both scholarships: _____ (please send **only nine (9)** sets of application and attachments)

Name of Student: _____

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____ Social Security Number: _____

Present StreetAddress/City/Zip: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)(unless adult student): _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Student's email: _____ Student's cell phone: _____

Name of High School and/or GED institution attended: _____

Date of Graduation or GED: _____

Have you lived at this address for more than twelve (12) months? (circle one) YES NO

If your answer to the above question is “no”, please indicate your previous address.

Street Address/City/Zip: _____

Months lived at most recent address: _____

I/we attest that I/we am the person applying or the legal parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student named above, that I/we have resided in Johnson County during the previous twelve (12) months and shall provide documentation of such if requested, and the information provided on this application is correct. I/we understand if this information is found to be inaccurate, the student may be ineligible to participate in the Johnson County Education Growth Scholarship Program.

Signature of Student, Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Date

	FATHER	MOTHER
Name		
Address		
Employer		
Occupation		
Annual Earnings	\$	\$
Other Income	\$	\$
College Attended (if applicable)		

Number of dependent children in family, including applicant, and age of each:

Family members, including applicant, who will be in college during coming year:

College preference: _____

Have you applied? _____ Been accepted? _____

Intended major or course of study: _____

Housing intentions for next year: _____

Work experiences (part-time and/or full-time):

School, community, church, or other religious activities/achievements over the past four years:

These scholarships are based on academic promise as well as financial need. Please explain why you think you are the best candidate for this scholarship. *Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.*

I verify that all information provided to the scholarship selection committee is accurate.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applications are non-returnable and become property of Johnson County Community Foundation and East Tennessee Foundation upon receipt.

Only complete applications will be considered.

*For questions, concerns or more information, please contact **Beth Heller**, toll-free at 1-877-524-1223.*

Please mail complete application packets to:

Beth Heller
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East Tennessee Foundation
625 Market Street, Suite 1400
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***Completed applications must be received by East Tennessee
Foundation or postmarked no later than:
Friday, March 27, 2009.***