Florida State University

2016-2017

Toni Jo Mason Scholarship Fund*

IMPORTANT: READ AND RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION MATERIALS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE UNIVERSITY: July 15, 2016

*This program is contingent upon annual funding by the Toni Jo Mason Private Foundation
The Toni Jo Mason Scholarship Fund, funded by the Toni Jo Mason Private Foundation, is a competitively awarded program which is available to first time entering undergraduate students with physical disabilities and financial need who are actively enrolled at Florida State University. 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 have completed a 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Renewal FAFSA form, and have it mailed to the appropriate address as indicated on the FAFSA form.

**INITIAL APPLICANTS MUST:**
Provide a current transcript which documents a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 (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.

Students must have a physical disability registered with the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) at Florida State University. The disability must be in one or more of the following classifications: hearing impairment, physical impairment; or visual impairment. Students may contact the SDRC office for clarification as to what is required.

Gain admission as a first-time-degree-seeking undergraduate student into Florida State University.

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

**FIRST TIME APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:**
- A completed 2016-2017 Toni Jo Mason Scholarship Fund Application Form;
- Documentation of an eligible physical disability (WE HAVE ON FILE WITH SDRC);
  - A narrative about your disability, its impact on your progress and success in High School

**RENEWAL APPLICANTS MUST:**
Continue to have financial need and adhere to minimum enrollment, progress, and grade point average (2.5) requirements of the program, plus:
- Submit a completed 2016-2017 Toni Jo Mason Scholarship Fund Application Form to the SDRC office;
- Mail or complete on-line a 2016-2017 FAFSA form as indicated above.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**
The application should be sent to the contact person listed at the end of this form.

Applications, disability documentation, personal statements, letters of recommendation, and a transcript must be received by the SDRC no later than July 15, 2016.
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.

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

Adhere to the minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average requirement of this program.

Apply for renewal consideration for each academic year in which you desire the award. Toni Jo Mason Scholarship Fund recipients may qualify for the award for up to eight (8) 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 Toni Jo Mason Scholarship Fund recipients. The dollar amount of the 2016-2017 awards is $2,500 per semester and contingent upon funding from the Toni Jo Mason Private Foundation.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Student Disability Resource Center
874 Traditions Way
108 Student Services Building
Tallahassee, FL 32306-4167
850/644-9566 (VOICE) | 850/644-8504 (TDD)
sdrc@fsu.edu
Florida State University
Toni Jo Mason Scholarship Fund
2016 – 2017 Application Form

This form and supporting application materials must be received by the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) at Florida State University no later than July 15, 2016. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

All applicants must also complete a 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form or Renewal FAFSA form on-line or mail it to the address indicated on the FAFSA form by April 15, 2016 in order to receive full consideration.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

___ Initial Application       ___ Renewal Application

NAME: __________________________________________________________
                                      Last           First       Middle Initial

CURRENT ADDRESS: ________________________________
                      Street Address

                      City                State                  Zip

                      Telephone                         CURRENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

CHECK ALL DISABLING CONDITION(S) THAT APPLY:

___ Deaf/Hard of Hearing.
___ Blind/Visual Disability.
___ Physical Disability

   Description: ______________________________________________________________

CURRENT CUMULATIVE GPA: ___          UNIVERSITY: ________________

HAVE YOU BEEN ADMITTED TO THE UNIVERSITY? (check one) ___ Yes ___ No

2016 – 2017 ACADEMIC LEVEL (check one):
ANTICIPATED UNIVERSITY GRADUATION DATE: ________________

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  __ American Indian  __ Asian
   __ Black (non-Hispanic)  __ Hispanic  __ Pacific Islander
   __ White (non-Hispanic)

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

I AM A FIRST-TIME UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENT:
   ______ YES     ______ NO

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 Toni Jo Mason Private 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 FOLLOWING CONTACT PERSON.

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