

The Jack and Harweda Johnson Scholarship

- General Info:** The Jack and Harweda Johnson Scholarship has been set up to honor the lives of Jack and Harweda Johnson, two Mississippi natives who spent most of their lives pushing themselves and those around them to achieve at the best of their ability. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a graduate of the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) who is accepted and attends one of the top schools in the country.
- Amount:** \$500.00 a year for up to five years, or \$2500 total.
- Due Date:** **May 1, 2012**
- Eligibility:** Any student attending a school that meets one of the following four requirements shall be eligible to receive the scholarship:
1. Any school listed in the top twenty-five (25) of the Best National Universities-Doctoral in the **U.S. News & World Report**.
 2. Any school listed in the top five (5) of the Best Liberal Arts Colleges-Bachelor's in the **U.S. News & World Report**.
 3. A College or university shall be considered eligible if a scholarship applicant can demonstrate that the individual program that he or she will be enrolling in at a particular college or university that is listed in the top three (3) in any reputable, nationally recognized publication's list of the best programs for that field, profession, or area of study. (for example, if a student is enrolling in the undergraduate business program at a school listed as having one of the top three (3) undergraduate business programs by the **Wall Street Journal**, that college or university shall be considered eligible for the purposes of this scholarship). The acceptability of any list under this qualification shall be at the discretion of the Foundation. If an applicant receives the Jack and Harweda Johnson Scholarship at a school whose eligibility is established under the third qualification, that recipient must demonstrate at the beginning of every school year for which he or she receives the scholarship that they continue to be enrolled in the same program.
 4. Any of the following schools: University of Pennsylvania, Tulane University, Harvard University, Princeton University, Yale University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dartmouth University, Columbia University, and Cornell University.
- Award Criteria:** **40%** of the selection process shall be focused on the efforts the student has made while at MSMS to be the best citizen and leader possible in both the school and the surrounding community. Leadership roles shall

have the highest importance in this area, and activities considered important for this criteria include but are not limited to activities such as Student Government, Classroom involvement, Volunteer Work, and Club Membership.

40% of the selection process shall be focused on overall academic performance at MSMS. Although performance on a GPA basis is important, more emphasis will be placed on the overall difficulty of the course load applicants have chosen for themselves at MSMS.

20% of the selection process shall be focused on national test scores of the applicants such as the SAT and ACT.

Terms:

A scholarship shall be awarded for a one year initial term. The scholarship shall be renewed, subject to three requirements:

1. The availability of funds
2. The student making a minimum GPA of 3.5 (on a maximum 4.0 scale) or other top designation used by the university to designate top achieving students. Should a student not make at least a 3.5 GPA for one term, he or she shall still be eligible as long as the cumulative GPA is equal to at least a 3.5 GPA. Not making at least a 3.5 GPA for two consecutive terms shall disqualify a student for subsequent awards. During the first term, a student shall not be disqualified if a 3.0, or better GPA, is achieved.
3. The student submitting a letter informing the MSMS Foundation of their activities and performance from the prior year and their future plans.

The maximum total term for the Scholarship shall be for four years unless the course of study is normally qualified as a five year undergraduate program, in which case a student shall be eligible for five years. In no case, shall the term exceed five years. In addition, if a student transfers from an eligible school to an ineligible school, that student shall be disqualified from receiving subsequent awards.

By signing below, I acknowledge that all of the information contained in this application is true and valid to the best of my knowledge.

Student

Counselor

Community and Volunteer Activities:

Please use the page below to list and describe all community and volunteer activities in which you have participated without pay **during the past 2 years** {example: Red Cross, Big Brother/Big Sister, Youth Group, volunteer work, recycling projects, etc.}. Indicate all special awards and honors. List all leadership positions and offices held. Write academic years during which you participated. Attach additional sheets as needed.

Activities:

Awards and Honors:

School Activities:

Please use the page below to list and describe all school activities in which you have participated **during the past 2 years** {example: student government, music, sports, etc.}. Indicate all special awards and honors. List all leadership positions and offices held. Write academic years during which you participated. Attach additional sheets as needed.

Activities:

Awards and Honors: