

Messiah University
The Suzanne Joy Johnson Endowed Scholarship

Suzanne Joy Johnson graduated from Messiah University with a B.S. in Early Childhood Education in 1986 and served 23 years in the Maryland public school system as an exemplary teacher and principal, devoted to her students and her school. Suzi's family has established this award to recognize an enthusiastic, dynamic teacher certification student (preference given to PreK-4 and Grades 4-8 majors) with the proven interpersonal skills to succeed as a committed, visionary educator. Academic performance, service, leadership, and applicable experience will also be considered. **In the large majority of cases, this is an add-on award and will be added to, not substituted for, any financial aid the recipient already receives.**

Each year, one outstanding student from the junior class will be chosen to receive the award. The award will be divided in half and disbursed evenly in fall and spring during the senior year. Criteria for choosing the student will include:

- Strong preference will be given to PK-4 and Grades 4-8 majors. Students pursuing other teacher certifications are encouraged to apply.
- Applicant must demonstrate dynamic interpersonal skills.
- Special consideration will be given to a qualified student whose experience during the university years shows a strong commitment to professional preparation both inside and outside the classroom

The Application Packet Must Include:

1. Application Form
2. Resume
3. Essay

Return completed applications to teacheredprog@messiah.edu.
by noon of the last Thursday in February.

Eligibility Requirements of Applicants

A. Academic Performance

- Minimum of 3.6 cumulative GPA.
- Admitted into the Teacher Education Program.
- Minimum of 45 credits completed at Messiah University
- Junior level status at the time of application.

B. Professional Intentions

- *Essay* – Two or three page essay describing how teachers might use their positions of leadership to address the problems of and promote positive change in our education system and the broader society. Please provide examples from your own experience to illustrate your ideas.

***AI policy for scholarship essay: Limited Use of AI
Students may utilize artificial intelligence tools as a review of their work only.
This means the student creates all content and may only use AI-tools to
suggest improvements or corrections in spelling, grammar, phrasing, and
mechanics.*

C. Service and Leadership as Evidenced in Resume

- Evidence of participation in: community involvement activities, university related activities, voluntary service activities.
- Evidence of leadership roles in organizations

Application Process for Award

1. Announcement of the scholarship will be made annually to faculty and students.
2. Complete applications are to be submitted as directed.
3. The Awards Subcommittee will screen and evaluate applications.
4. Written verification of the award will be completed by no later than May 1.
5. In the unlikely event that no student meets the qualifications for this award, no award will be given that year.

Retention of the Suzanne Joy Johnson Endowed Scholarship

If at any time a recipient falls below the award standards, the case will be referred to the Teacher Education Program for possible withdrawal of the award.

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Application**

Name:	Last	First	Middle Initial	Date

Current Address:	Street	City	State, Zip

Permanent Address:	Street	City	State, Zip

Phone Number	Email Address

Messiah Certification Program	
Second Certification Program (only for dual certs)	
Minor	
Concentration	

Other materials required for application:

1. Resume
2. Essay

☐ I acknowledge that checking this box electronically serves the same purpose as affixing my original signature to this document.

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