

ATTACHMENT C

Dr. Toni Jo Mason
Academic Scholarship*

Florida A&M
University

APPLICATION

**Deadline for application materials to be received by the
college: APRIL 1**

*This program is contingent upon annual funding by the
Dr. Toni Jo Mason Academic Scholarship Fund.

THE DR. TONI JO MASON ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

BACKGROUND INFORMATION & EXPECTATIONS

Overview

The **Dr. Toni Jo Mason Annual Academic Scholarship Fund** is established for full-time undergraduate student(s) with a physical disability and demonstrated financial need attending Florida A&M University. Funded by the Toni Jo Mason Private Foundation Scholarship fund may be used for tuition, books, fees, and/or technology to support the academic achievement of the recipient. The competitively awarded scholarship program is available to entering freshmen, current undergraduate students, or transfer students. It awards an academic scholarship of \$3,000 each year for up to two students contingent upon the student maintaining the minimum 2.5 GPA requirement before the start of each academic semester. This scholarship is renewable in the second year if the recipient successfully meets all eligibility criteria.

The "spirit" of the scholarship program is to support the recipient as well as raise awareness of the importance of building support networks and success opportunities for all students to dream, reach for success with “stick-to-it-ness” and never ever give up hope to reach their full potential.

Students must meet the following requirements to be considered for scholarship selection:

- 1. Be a full-time, incoming freshman, current undergraduate students, or transfer students.**
- 2. Provide documentation of the nature and/or extent of a physical disability.**
- 3. Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Renewal FAFSA form by the required deadline and be determined to have unmet fiscal needs.**
- 4. Complete a Dr. Toni Jo Mason Academic Scholarship Application Form including all required supporting materials.**
- 5. Have and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50.**

Initial applicants must provide an official current university transcript (not a photocopy) that documents a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) on all credits.

IF SELECTED, RECIPIENTS MUST:

1. Complete and return an acceptance form or contact by the date specified on their notification letter. Failure to return the acceptance form by the specified date will result in forfeiture of the award.
2. Complete a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours each semester.
3. Adhere to the minimum 2.50 cumulative grade point average requirement of this program.
4. Write a 2–5 page essay annually identifying how the funds will be used and how the scholarship has influenced their personal and academic goals and overall success.

FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS:

Initial applicants must provide an official current college/university transcript (not a photocopy) that documents a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) on all credits. High school students who are applying for the scholarship in the first year of college should submit a current high school transcript.

Applicants must provide documentation of the nature and/or extent of a physical disability. Appropriate documentation includes, but is not limited to, school/medical records, certification by the Division of Blind Services, or a Vocational Rehabilitation eligibility determination. Students must contact the Center for Disability Access and Resources at Florida A&M University for clarification as to what is required.

NOTE: If you receive a Dr. Toni Jo Mason Scholarship, **you must still apply for each academic year in which you desire the award.** Scholarship recipients may qualify for the award for up to four (4) semesters of undergraduate study.

Florida A&M University
Dr. Toni Jo Mason Academic Scholarship 2022-2023 Application Form

Directions:

This form and the required supporting application materials must be received by the Center for Disability Access and Resources at Florida A&M University no later than April 1, 2022. Please carefully review the specific supporting materials required for this scholarship application. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

All applicants must also complete a 2022–23 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form or Renewal FAFSA form online or mail it to the address indicated on the FAFSA form by April 1, 2022, in order to receive full consideration.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

SECTION ONE

1. **Please Check:** Initial Application Renewal Application
2. Name: _____
 Last First Middle
3. Address: _____
 Street City State Zip
4. Telephone () _____ Email Address _____
5. **Disability.** Check all Disabling Conditions that apply:
 Deaf/Hard of Hearing
 Blind/Visual Disability
 Physical Disability
Description _____
6. **Academic Level:** Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior
7. Anticipated graduation date _____
8. **Current Cumulative GPA:** College: _____ or High School _____
9. **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) _____

10. 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.)*

11. I am a first-time undergraduate degree-seeking student: Yes No

12. Certification

I certify that I have read and understood the conditions for participating in this scholarship program. The information I am supplying in this application is true, complete, and correct. By signing this form, I also grant permission for information pertaining to my financial need and all supporting application materials to be released by the appropriate university or college to the Toni Jo Mason Private Foundation. NOTICE: If you purposely give false information, you may be subject to fine, imprisonment, or both under 827.06, F.S.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please review the final check list and submit all application materials to the following contact person.

Deborah Sullivan, Director

Center for Disability Access and Resources

1735 Wahnish Way, CASS, Suite 102, Tallahassee, FL 32307

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SECTION TWO: REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL ATTACHMENTS

Directions: A completed Toni Jo Mason Scholarship Fund Application Form includes the following supplemental attachments or will be considered incomplete. Please label each as identified.

First-Time Applicants Must Submit the Following as attachments to the Application Form:

Attachment A: Documentation of an eligible physical disability;

Attachment B: A narrative about your disability, its impact on your personal success and pre-collegiate and/or collegiate academic progress.

Attachment C: A 2–5 page essay on a topic related to overcoming the obstacles and struggles of living and learning with disabilities and why you are applying for a Dr. Toni Jo Mason Scholarship.

Attachment D: Two letters of recommendation supporting the applicant’s character, commitment to academic success, and service.

Attachment E. Initial applicants must provide an official current college/university transcript (not a photocopy) that documents a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) on all credits. High school students who are applying for the scholarship in the first year of college should submit a current high school transcript.

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:

- 1. Submit a completed Toni Jo Mason Scholarship Fund Application Form with attachment as required to the Center for Disability Access and Resources office.**
- 2. Mail or complete online FAFSA form.**
- 3. Attachment A: Submit a 2–5 page essay addressing your academic and personal success during the past year and the how the Dr. Toni Jo Mason Scholarship funding was used to support your success. Include how you believe the scholarship has influenced your personal and academic goals and overall success and your anticipated use of the funds in the next academic year.**

Please review the submission Check List on the following page.

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CHECKLIST

First-Time Applicants Must Submit the Following:

- _____ **1. Completed Toni Jo Mason Scholarship Fund Application Form with the following specific attachments:**
- _____ **2. Attachment A: Documentation of an eligible physical disability.**
- _____ **3. Attachment B: A personal statement about your disability, its impact on your personal success and pre-collegiate and/or collegiate academic progress.**
- _____ **4. Attachment C: A 2–5 page essay on a topic related to overcoming the obstacles and struggles of living and learning with disabilities and why they are applying for a Dr. Toni Jo Mason Scholarship.**
- _____ **5. Attachment D: Two letters of recommendation supporting the applicant’s character, commitment to academic success, and service.**
- _____ **6. Attachment E. Initial applicants must provide an official current college/university transcript (not a photocopy) that documents a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) on all credits. High school students who are applying for the scholarship in the first year of college should submit a current high school transcript.**

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:

- _____ **1. Submit a completed Toni Jo Mason Scholarship Fund Application Form to the Disability Resource Center (DRC) office.**
- _____ **2. Mail or complete online FAFSA form.**
- _____ **3. Attachment A: Submit a 2–5 page essay addressing your academic and personal success during the past year and the how the Dr. Toni Jo Mason Scholarship funding was used to support their success. Include how they believe the scholarship has influenced their personal and academic goals and overall success and their anticipated use of the funds in the next academic year.**