

## **Marie Johnson Fort Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q. Who is eligible for the scholarship?**

**A:** Applicants must:

- Be a resident of Spalding County, Georgia.
- Be graduating seniors or graduates of Griffin or Spaulding High School.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Plan to attend full-time the University of Georgia.

**Additional Desired Qualifications:**

- A minimum cumulative GPA 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

**Q. How do I apply?**

**A:** Interested applicants may apply online at [www.csascholars.org/fort](http://www.csascholars.org/fort).

**Q. How are applications submitted?**

**A:** Applications must be submitted online via the Center for Scholarship Administration (CSA) portal. There are three steps to complete and submit the application:

1. Set up an account through the portal.
2. Login to the account and complete the application. A confirmation email will be sent when the application is received by CSA. Applicants should contact CSA if a confirmation email is not received.
3. Mail in any additional required materials. See list below.

**Q. What constitutes a complete application packet?**

**A:** A complete application package includes the following:

- Student Authorization and Acknowledgements Form, found in the online application, signed by the scholarship candidate.
- Official transcript with grades and cumulative GPA posted through the latest fall semester.
- Personal statement/essay:
  - Submit a one-page signed personal statement explaining why the scholarship is important to you. Include your college and career plans. Include applicant name and name of scholarship on the page.
- List of academic honors, leadership skills and community service, etc.
- A completed W-8 or W-9 IRS Form, as applicable. This form must be completed by the applicant.
- Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**Note:** Each item should include both the applicant's name and name of the scholarship at the top of the page.

**Q. When is the deadline for submission of materials?**

**A:** The online application must be completed and transmitted to CSA no later than **March 2, 2021**. Any required supplemental materials that need to be mailed must be mailed to CSA no later than **March 2, 2021** and should be mailed in one package.

**Q. What is the amount of the scholarship award?**

**A:** The amount of scholarship awards may vary.

**Q: How can scholarship awards be applied?**

**A:** Funds may only be used to pay tuition, fees, books and supplies as required by your courses.

**Q: What school may I attend?**

**A:** May attend full-time the University of Georgia, provided the institution meets the requirements in the following paragraph. Recipients must be enrolled full-time each semester and working towards an undergraduate degree.

An eligible educational institution is one whose primary function is the presentation of formal instruction and that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where it carries on its educational activities.

**Q: How will I be notified if I am chosen as a recipient?**

**A:** All applicants will be notified in writing by email, whether or not they have been selected to receive a scholarship. Those students selected will download a package from their online account that includes a scholarship agreement and information about the scholarship terms.

**Q: Is this scholarship renewable?**

**A:** This scholarship is for one year only; however, current recipients may reapply and be considered for additional funding along with other new applicants. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time. Scholarship recipients are limited to four total years of scholarship award and are expected to have been enrolled consecutive years during that time. Students must reapply for additional scholarship awards. Renewal is not guaranteed and students will be included in the pool of scholarship applicants.