

# A. I. Johnson Scholarship for 2008-2009

A. I. Johnson was the Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives and later a Regent of the University of Minnesota. This scholarship was created for undergraduate students who show evidence of a strong interest in public affairs with an intent to pursue a career or activities serving the public. Such careers and activities may include community volunteer activities, organizing to affect public policy, service on government advisory committees, and appointive or elective office.

## Who is eligible to apply for this scholarship?

- University of Minnesota--Twin Cities Campus students who are degree-seeking undergraduates in all majors who possess a strong interest in public affairs and an intention to pursue a career or activities serving the public are eligible and encouraged to apply.

## Is there a public service component to this scholarship?

- Recipients of the A. I. Johnson Scholarship must complete a total of 400 internship hours during the fall and/or spring semester. Students may do one 400-hour internship in one semester or two different internships (200-hours each semester).
- The internship may be with a legislator, government agency, congressional office, international organization, or agency or an interest group concerned with public affairs.
- Applicants are not required to have an internship arranged at the time of application for this scholarship.

## Can I get credit for the internship?

- Scholarship recipients must register in the Department of Political Science for a minimum of four internship credits under POL 3080 during the semester that they intern. Recipients may register for up to 13 internship credits for full-time internships. (*The Department of Political Science allows a maximum of 13 political science internship credits throughout the student's college career.*)
- Academic work such as readings, journals, informational interviews and research papers are required to earn internship credit through POL 3080.

## What is the amount of the scholarship?

- In 2007-2008, three recipients received awards ranging from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Scholarship amounts vary from year to year based upon the number of students selected to receive the scholarships and the availability of funds. Additional costs associated with out-of-state or international internships will be considered. Scholarships are paid in two equal payments in the fall 2008 and spring 2009 semesters. Financial need will also be taken into consideration. We suggest all applicants complete the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by February 1, 2008 so that financial need can be considered when scholarship awards are determined.

## How will scholarship recipients be selected?

- A selection committee in the Department of Political Science will review all applications. The committee chooses the recipients and decides on the scholarship amount for each recipient. Applicants may be invited to come in for a personal interview.

## When will I find out if I was selected to receive this scholarship?

- The selection committee should make its decisions in late March or early April. All applicants for this scholarship will be notified of the committee's decisions.

## Who can I call if I have more questions?

- Contact the Undergraduate Advising Office in the Department of Political Science in 1482 Social Sciences or call (612) 624-8517.

## Eligibility Criteria

Recipients of this scholarship must be enrolled in both the fall 2008 and spring 2009 terms.

Students who complete their 400-hour internship during one term must register for a minimum of 4 internship credits under POL 3080 and be full-time students (at least 13 credits) during the other term.

Students who choose to complete their 400-hour internships over two terms must be full-time students (at least 13 credits) both terms. Students must register for at least 4 internship credits under POL 3080 both terms and do two different types of internships. Students may not receive internship credit for the same type of internship for more than one term.

The recipient is responsible for directly contacting departments, organizations or individuals in order to arrange the internship(s).

## Instructions:

**A complete application includes all of the following steps:**

- 1) Complete and sign the attached application form.
- 2) Include an essay stating your interests and future plans in the public service area. Limit your essay to a maximum of two typed pages double spaced.
- 3) Provide at least two letters of recommendation. One recommendation should come from someone with knowledge of the applicant's academic abilities and the other from someone with knowledge of the applicant's interest and abilities in public affairs. We recommend that you pick up and deliver these letters of recommendation to ensure they arrive by the deadline date.
- 4) Submit a short writing sample such as a term paper demonstrating research, data collection, and/or analytical skills, although not necessarily on a public policy subject.
- 5) Attach a current, complete University of Minnesota transcript. Transfer students should also include transcripts from all previous colleges. (Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.)

**All application materials, including letters of recommendation, must be received no later than *February 15, 2008*.**

**Applications must be submitted in hard copy. E-mailed materials are not acceptable. Faxes are discouraged.**

**Applications materials received after the deadline date will not be accepted.**

Application materials should be delivered or mailed to: University of Minnesota, Department of Political Science, 1414 Social Sciences Building, 267 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455, **ATTN:** Rose Miskowiec, Undergraduate Adviser.

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

## CITIZENSHIP STATUS

U.S. Citizen \_\_\_\_\_ International Student \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

College of Enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please specify college: CLA, IT, CSOM, CHE, etc.)

Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have a Bachelor's Degree (B.A., B.S.)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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| Student Status | <i>Freshman</i> _____<br>(0-30 credits) | <i>Sophomore</i> _____<br>(31-60 credits) | <i>Junior</i> _____<br>(61- 90 credits) | <i>Senior</i> _____<br>(90+ credits) |
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Number of credits completed at the end of fall semester 2007 \_\_\_\_\_

*(If you have completed 90 or more credits by the end of fall semester 2007, please explain in your essay why you will need to attend both the fall 2008 and spring 2009 semesters in order to complete your degree.)*

Expected graduation date \_\_\_\_\_ semester \_\_\_\_\_ year

**On a separate sheet of paper, please type your responses to the following:**

**1) Academic Background:**

List college courses taken that contributed to your interests and skills in public service and public affairs.

**2) Volunteer/Work/Extra Curricular Activities:**

Describe your volunteer work and extra curricular activities as well as other relevant experience in which you have demonstrated a commitment to public service and public affairs.

**3) Supplemental Information:**

Attach any other relevant information about yourself, such as a resume, which you believe will provide the selection committee with more detailed information about you and your interests.

**4) Scholarships/Grants:**

List any academic-based scholarships or need-based grants you expect to receive during the 2008-2009 school year.

**5) Internship Interests:**

The A. I. Johnson Scholarship requires the recipients to complete a 400-hour internship in a state or federal office, executive agency, international organization or an interest group concerned with public affairs. List possible internships that would be of interest to you and indicate what you would expect to learn from the experience.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements for the A. I. Johnson Scholarship as explained in this application. I understand that if I am selected as a recipient of this scholarship I must complete a 400-hour, public service internship during the fall semester 2008 or the spring semester 2009. I also understand that I am required to register for a minimum of four internship credits through the Department of Political Science during the semester in which I participate in the internship and a minimum of 13 credits the other semester. If I participate in two 200-hour public service internships during both the fall semester 2008 and spring semester 2009, I understand that I must be registered for a minimum of 13 credits each semester including the four internship credits through the Department of Political Science. I understand that if I fail to maintain my registration or do not satisfactorily complete my courses, my scholarship amount may be revised or cancelled or I may be asked to repay any funds I have already received.

All of the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. My signature indicates I understand the terms and conditions associated with this scholarship and my agreement to abide by those terms and conditions.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_