

## **Foundation for Jonesboro Public Schools Toni A. Williams Memorial Endowment Scholarship**



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The daughter of Jerry and Sue Williams, Toni was a 1976 Bicentennial baby. She was a life-long resident of Jonesboro and a member of Calvary Chapel Church and their youth group.

In Toni’s early school years she attended Montessori School, Hillcrest Elementary, studied piano and dance, and was active in Crowley’s Ridge Girl Scouts. In junior high, she was a Douglas McArthur Junior High School cheerleader. During her high school years Toni was 2nd runner-up in the Miss JHS Sweetheart pageant, a participant in Miss Hurricane, active in the Art Club, a member of the Interact Club, a JHS Hurricane Concert Choir member, and member of the Super Seniors.

Toni was awarded a renewable Presidential Scholarship at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. The scholarship was awarded in recognition of her academic achievement and potential.

## **Foundation for Jonesboro Public Schools Scholarship Application Toni A. Williams Memorial Endowment Scholarship**

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**Purpose:** This fund shall be used to assist Jonesboro High School Dance Team members in furthering their education after high school.

**Eligibility:** The recipient must be senior in high school and a current member of the Jonesboro High School Dance Team. If there are no seniors on the team in a given year, this scholarship will not be awarded that year.

**Criteria:** A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required. School spirit, a commitment to the art of dance, community involvement, and the potential to succeed are the primary factors to be considered in choosing the recipient of this scholarship.

**Manner of Selection:** The scholarship recipient shall be selected in a competitive, impartial process based on the criteria outlined in this document. No applicant shall receive special consideration. Selection of this scholarship will be performed by a committee consisting of the following members:

1. The Jonesboro High School Dance Team head coach and/or assistant coach
2. One Scholarship Committee member from the Foundation for Jonesboro Public Schools
3. Additional JHS faculty members and dance team staff at the invitation of the head coach

**Amount of Scholarship:** Each year, the Arkansas Community Foundation disperses \$350 from the Toni A. Williams Memorial Endowment to the Foundation for Jonesboro Public Schools to fund this scholarship. \$350 will be awarded each year. Checks will be made to the college or university the recipient plans to attend. The following items are required from the recipient upon selection:

1. A copy of your college or university acceptance letter
2. Your Social Security number OR your college ID number
3. Name, title, and address of the contact person at your college or university to whom the scholarship check should be sent

**2021 Application Deadline:** April 1, 2021

**Return Applications To:** Caroline Treece, JHS Dance Coach

**Please include the following items:**

**1. Application Form**

An Application Form can be found on page 3 of this packet

**2. High School Transcript**

Please include your current JHS transcript. This is available by request and free of charge at the JHS main office.

**3. Resume**

Your resume should include the following information:

Academic Honors and Special Awards

Dance Honors and Awards

Extracurricular Activities

Leadership Positions Held

Career Plans

**4. Personal Statement**

In one or two typewritten pages (double or single spaced, 12 point font), introduce yourself to the scholarship selection committee and explain why you are deserving of the Toni A. Williams Memorial Endowment Scholarship. Include any special circumstances you may have.

**5. One Letter of Recommendation (Optional)**

You may attach one letter for recommendation from any adult not related to you. Examples of recommendation letter writers include coaches, teachers, school administrators, pastors, employers, and adult mentors.

**Past Recipients:**

2020 – Kennedy Crawford

2019 – Mary Alice Gabe

2018 – Mary-Kaitlin Price

2017 – Savannah Parker

2012-2016 – No recipient

2011 – Hallie Frederick

2010 – Madison Fowler

2009 – Victoria Ragland

2008 – Mary Kate Kelly

2007 – Amanda Woodruff

2006 – Locke Isaacson

2005 – Robyn Goldman

2004 – Rebecca Gilmore

2003 – Brittany Boals

2002 – Jordan Henry

2001 – Sylenia Lewis

2000 – Sarah Dent

1999 – Lisa Huber

1998 – Toni Coots

1997 – Kaki Cantrell

1996 – Jamie Williams

1995 – Audra Fisher

## **Toni A. Williams Memorial Scholarship Application Form**

*Please return this form to Coach Caroline Treece by April 1st, 2021. Be sure to include: High School Transcript, Resume, Personal Statement, and optional Letter of Recommendation.*

Student's Name:

Student's Address:

Student's Phone:

Student's Email:

Parent's Name:

Parent's Address:

Parent's Phone:

Parent's Email:

GPA:

Current Class Rank:

ACT and/or SAT Score:

College you plan to attend:

Planned major:

Do you plan to study dance in college?

Do you plan to try out for your college dance team?

Number of years enrolled in Jonesboro Public Schools:

Number of years on the JHS Dance Team:

Other scholarships received so far, including amount: