

Ted Johnson Memorial Scholarship Application

Please fill out the following:

Student Name: _____

Student ID # _____

GPA: _____ (Students must have a gpa of 2.7 or higher)

___ Yes, I am an Undergraduate students enrolled as English Majors, with a junior or senior status during the academic year of the scholarship disbursement;

___ Yes, I have at least 12 hours of English coursework beyond freshman composition (ENG 105) or its equivalent and enrolled the academic year of the scholarship disbursement;

Please include the following on this application:

An essay, of no more than 100 words, in which (you) the applicant answers this prompt:

Describe (a) your understanding of Ted Johnson's contributions to the university and community and (b) one specific way that your academic, leadership, or service activities relate to Ted Johnson's legacy.

The English Department Scholarship Committee will evaluate responses based on clarity, specificity, and demonstrated connection to the Scholarship's stated purpose, and not based on the applicant's viewpoint or personal beliefs

Bio-statement of Ted Johnson: Theodore (Ted) Levett Johnson received his BA in History from NAU in 1956 and later, in 1967, received an MAT in English. When he was hired by NAU in 1969, he was the university's first Black faculty member. For 30 years, in the English Department, he taught literature, minority literature, and composition. He retired from NAU in 1999.

While at NAU, Ted was a quiet champion for diversity and minority-student needs. He had an open-door advising policy; he informally advised, mentored, and counseled minority students from across majors. He also served as an adviser to four campus organizations. During his early years in Flagstaff, Ted faced discrimination and NAU provided Ted and his family housing on campus in a North Union apartment.

Ted was also a civic leader. He was a lifetime member of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). He served as President of the Coconino County Democratic Party, and, for many years, was a major player in the local Democratic Party. He was also a member of the Coconino County Guidance Center.

Ted received an NAU Alumni Service Award and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Achievement Award from the NAU Black Student Union. The NAU Ethnic Studies program supports a yearly Ted Johnson Lecture Series, made possible by a generous gift from Booker T. Evans, Jr. (one of Ted Johnson's early mentees at NAU) and others.

Ted Johnson passed away in 2002. The Ted Johnson Memorial Scholarship, established to support a junior or senior English major, will keep Ted Johnson's legacy alive for years to come.

Please type/paste your application essay below. Be sure you save the application before sending.

Please email completed applications to English@nau.edu by **April 15, 2026**.