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Applicant Name: _____

GUARDIAN SCHOLARS APPLICATION

I. Applicant Personal Data

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number _____

II. Current High School or College Information

Current high school or college attending: _____

GPA: _____ Graduation Date _____

Have you decided on your major? _____

III. Eligibility Criteria

- a. You must be (or recently have been) in the care of the County Foster Care System in your state.
- b. You must have a high school diploma or equivalent GED by June of the current year
- c. You must enroll in either a certificate, or degree program at Johnson C. Smith University

IV. Background Information

Are you currently under a CARS agreement? ____ Yes ____ No

Will you be living with Foster Parents or Relatives during school breaks? ____ Yes ____ NO

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Have you been adopted? _____ Yes _____ No (if yes, at what age _____)

Do you plan on seeking employment during the academic year? _____ Yes _____ No
(if yes, how many hours will you work per week? _____)

Do you have a driver's license _____ Yes _____ No
(if yes, do you have your own vehicle) _____ Yes _____ No

Do you have a cellphone _____ Yes _____ No

Do you live on your own? _____ Yes _____ No
(if no, with whom do you live) _____

Do you have any children? _____ Yes _____ No
(if yes, how many and what are their ages? _____)

Are you involved in any extracurricular activities? (Church groups, Sports teams, YMCA, Clubs, ROTC, etc) If so, please list _____

Are you/were you receiving specialized programming in High School (with an IEP) _____ YES _____ NO (if yes, please attach a copy of IEP to application. The IEP may help to get you additional services while in school)

Do you have any health issues that have gone unresolved? _____ Yes _____ No (i.e. dental, physicals, etc)

If yes, please explain: _____

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VI. Essay

On a separate piece of paper, please address the following (*using a maximum of three pages, double spaced*)

1. Describe your background: How old you are, where you attended high school, how you got into foster care, how old you were when you entered foster care, your experience, etc. In other words provide the interview committee with information about you as an individual and your experiences before graduating from high school
2. Describe your educational goals and life ambitions: What is motivating you to attend college, what you want your major to be and why you selected that major, why you selected JCSU as your school of choice, what are your goals in life and what do you see yourself doing upon graduating from Johnson C. Smith University.
3. Why do you want to be part of the Guardian Scholars Program? and what can you as an individual bring to the program?
4. Feel free to add anything additional to your essay that will give the interviewing committee more information about you as a person.

5. VII. Attachments

- ___ 1. High School Transcript (including IEP if applicable)
- ___ 2. Copy of Medicaid, Medicare, or another form of medical insurance
- ___ 3. Documentation Proving Ward of the State Status

Student Signature _____
Date _____

VIII. Mailing Information

Johnson C. Smith University
Attn: Mrs. Patricia Newell
GSP Program Coordinator
100 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, NC 28216

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