



Education Justice Project

Education Justice Project Scholarship Packet (EJP Students) Due October 1, 2011

The Education Justice Project of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has offered courses to incarcerated students at Danville Correctional Center since 2008. In keeping with our efforts to promote higher education, we have created a scholarship program. \$500 will be awarded in December 2011 to a family member of an EJP student who demonstrates need and another \$500 to the family member of a DCC staff person. This is the scholarship packet for EJP students' family members. Scholarship funds must be applied towards attendance at an accredited program of higher education (e.g. applied to registration costs, books and supplies, fees, or other costs directly associated with participating in the higher education program).

This scholarship packet consists of three pages: this sheet containing filing information, Instruction Sheet, and Cover Sheet. Please read over the entire packet before filling it out to make sure that you meet all criteria. Please be sure to sign the Cover Sheet before you submit it and to supply all requested information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet all criteria will not be eligible.

This scholarship application packet is also available over the Internet at:
www.educationjustice.net

Your final application will consist of the following materials: completed Cover Sheet, 1 -2 page essay, and verification of enrollment. Please staple all the materials together and submit one copy to the Education Justice Project at our address below. Your application must be postmarked no later than October 1, 2011. Do not submit your application to any prison office, prison staff, or to an EJP staff member. It must be submitted through the mail or hand-delivered to the address below.

Education Justice Project
805 W. Pennsylvania Ave.
Urbana, IL 61801
Att: Scholarship

Please address any questions to: info@educationjustice.net



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INSTRUCTION SHEET

Please read over the entire application before filling it out to make sure that you meet all criteria. Please be sure to sign the form before you submit it and to supply all requested information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet all criteria will not be eligible.

The Education Justice Project will award a \$500 scholarship in December 2011 to a family member of an EJP student. If you are related to an EJP student and enrolled in an accredited higher education program, you may apply. Scholarship funds must be spent during 2012. Winners must agree to write a 1 -2 page letter explaining how they used the funds. Excerpts of this letter may be reprinted in EJP material (e.g. the EJP newsletter). The letter is due by December 31, 2012.

Winners also agree to notify the Education Justice Project immediately if they dis-enroll in their program and to reimburse EJP whatever proportion of the award is requested by EJP, appropriate to the circumstances.

In addition to completing the Cover Sheet, please submit a 1 – 2 page essay, typed, that helps us understand why you are applying for the scholarship and what you would use awarded funds for. Please be sure to tell us something about the program in which you're enrolled and what it means for you to be pursuing higher education. Finally, because this is a need-based award, please address the question of your financial need. Applicants who do not demonstrate financial need are not eligible for the scholarship.

EJP staff will review each application packet. Only those that are complete will advance in the competition. Complete applications are those that meet all requirements as indicated on the Cover Sheet and Instruction Sheet, are signed, and include required verification of enrollment. EJP will judge all complete applications and award the scholarship based on the criteria of financial need and strength of essay. Winners will be notified by EJP staff in early December and requested to attend the U of I convocation at Danville Correctional Center in Spring 2012 in order to be presented with their scholarship (although funds may be dispersed earlier).



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COVER SHEET

Applicant's name _____

Name of EJP student _____

Relationship _____

Please note: Applicants must be directly related to either an EJP student or a DCC staff person. In other words, you must be either a: spouse, child, stepchild, grandchild, sibling, parent, stepparent, or grandparent of an EJP student or DCC staff person. If you are unsure of whether your relationship qualifies, please contact info@educationjustice.net.

All information below pertains to the applicant.

Address _____

Phone _____
(cell) _____ (home) _____

Name of accredited program to which funds would be applied:

You must provide verification of enrollment in the program. Acceptable forms of verification include a copy of your letter of acceptance, course registration confirmation, recent transcript, or correspondence sent to all enrolled students. If you have not yet been accepted to the program, we will require confirmation of acceptance before dispersing any funds. EJP reserves the right to rescind the award if such confirmation is not forthcoming in a timely manner.

By signing this Cover Sheet, you agree that any funds received will be applied towards attendance at an accredited program of higher education in 2012 and to write a 1-2 page letter explaining how you used the funds. Excerpts of this letter may be reprinted in EJP materials. You also agree to notify EJP immediately in the event of disenrollment.

Applicant Signature _____