



# Education Justice Project (EJP)

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## Education Justice Project Scholarship Packet

Due November 1, 2017

### WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in participating in the EJP scholarship program! Because the application process is competitive, we ask that you carefully review the instructions, deadlines, and eligibility requirements so that we may give your application full consideration. **We appreciate receiving your application and look forward to reading your answers!** This scholarship application packet is also available at:

[www.educationjustice.net](http://www.educationjustice.net)

### About the EJP Scholarship Program

The Education Justice Project (EJP) 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 a scholarship program. In Fall 2017, we will host the following five scholarship competitions:

- One \$500 scholarship to a family member of an EJP student;
- One \$500 scholarship to a family member of an IDOC staff person;
- One \$500 scholarship to a family member of an incarcerated individual
- Two \$500 scholarships to individuals who have been released from an IDOC adult facility
- One \$500 scholarship to an individual who has been incarcerated in an IDJJ juvenile facility

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 a higher education program.

Your final application will consist of the following materials:

- 1.) The Scholarship Application (completed and signed)
- 2.) An additional document that addresses the three questions in the application
- 3.) Verification of enrollment in a higher education program at an accredited academic institution

**Please submit all materials by November 1, 2017 to:**

Attn: Scholarships  
Education Justice Project  
805 W. Pennsylvania Ave.  
Urbana, IL 61801



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## INSTRUCTION SHEET

### **Eligibility Requirements (*PLEASE READ CAREFULLY*)**

To be eligible, you must meet the criteria for the category of application

- **Formerly incarcerated individual released from an adult IDOC facility-** To be eligible, you must have been incarcerated in an adult IDOC facility, provide IDOC#, and years of incarceration.
- **Formerly incarcerated individual released from a juvenile IDJJ facility-** to be eligible, you must have been incarcerated in a juvenile IDJJ facility, provide IDJJ#, and years of incarceration.
- **Family member of EJP student-** To qualify, you must be a family member of a current or former EJP student. "Family member" is defined as spouse, grandparent, step grandparent, grandchild, step grandchild, parent, step parent, child, or stepchild.
- **Family member of IDOC staff-** To be eligible, you must be a family member of a current employee in an IDOC facility. "Family member" is defined as spouse, grandparent, step grandparent, grandchild, step grandchild, parent, step parent, child, or stepchild.
- **Family member of an incarcerated individual-** To be eligible, you must be the family member of someone who is currently incarcerated in an adult IDOC facility. "Family member" is defined as spouse, grandparent, step grandparent, grandchild, step grandchild, parent, step parent, child, or stepchild.

US Citizenship is not required.

### **Instructions for Applying**

Complete and sign the Scholarship Application and return it with verification of enrollment at an accredited academic institution.

### **Verification of Enrollment**

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.

### **Selection Process**

Each application will be reviewed by a committee that consists of both EJP members and non-EJP University of Illinois instructors. The committee members will review applications blind; i.e. they will not know whose applications they are reviewing. This is to ensure a fair selection

process. The criteria for awarding the scholarship are financial need and strength of essay. **EJP alumni will receive preference for one** of the two scholarships awarded to formerly incarcerated individuals.

### **Notification**

After your application packet has been received, EJP will send an email to confirm its receipt. EJP anticipates making decisions in early December 2017, and will notify all applicants of their status. Always, feel free to contact the scholarship program at [scholarships@educationjustice.net](mailto:scholarships@educationjustice.net)

### **WHAT YOU ARE AGREEING TO BY SIGNING THE APPLICATION**

- The information provided in the application is accurate and truthful.
- If awarded a scholarship you will complete a one page essay describing how the funds were used before December 31, 2018.
- You are willing to participate in a scholarship award ceremony (if asked) and are willing to allow EJP to use your photograph or excerpts from your essay within its publications, website, or social media account.
- Acknowledgment that EJP would like to stay connected to its scholarship applicants, and appreciates the ability to contact participants annually.
- If awarded a scholarship, you will contact EJP immediately if you withdrawal from your educational program and reimburse EJP any amount of the initial award requested.

For questions about EJP scholarships, please contact [scholarship@educationjustice.net](mailto:scholarship@educationjustice.net)  
For general inquiries, please contact EJP at [info@educationjustice.net](mailto:info@educationjustice.net)



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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(cell) (home)

Select the category for which you would like to be considered and complete the required information for that choice:

\_\_\_ Formerly Incarcerated Individual (adult IDOC)  
IDOC # \_\_\_\_\_ Years incarcerated \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Formerly Incarcerated Individual (juvenile IDJJ)  
IDJJ# \_\_\_\_\_ Years incarcerated \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Family member of an EJP student  
Name of EJP student \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Family member of an incarcerated individual  
Name of incarcerated person \_\_\_\_\_  
IDOC# of incarcerated person \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Family member of IDOC staff  
Name of staff member \_\_\_\_\_  
Facility of employment \_\_\_\_\_

Name of accredited academic program to which funds would be applied:

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**Please complete the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and staple it to the application before submission.**

1. What is your major, career goals, or anticipated area of study? Please include your current student status (continuing, incoming freshman, transfer student, etc.)
2. Has being incarcerated OR having an incarcerated family member OR having a family member work in a prison affected your academic or career goals? Please describe.
3. Do you have other funding available for school, such as grants, scholarships, fellowships, or assistantships? Please do not count loans when addressing the question.

By signing this Scholarship Application, you agree that any funds received will be applied towards attendance at an accredited program of higher education in 2017 and to write a 1 page letter explaining how you used the funds. This letter is due before December 31, 2018. You also agree to notify EJP immediately in the event of disenrollment.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Please be sure your application is complete, signed, that you have included the answered questions in a separate document, and provided verification of enrollment in an accredited academic program.***

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