



Education Justice Project

Education Justice Project Scholarship Packet (Family of DCC Staff)

Due November 2, 2015

FILING INFORMATION

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 a scholarship program. In Fall 2015 we will host the following four scholarship competitions:

- One \$500 scholarship to a family member of an EJP student;
- One \$500 scholarship to a family member of a Danville CC staff person;
- One \$500 scholarship to a family member of someone incarcerated in the general population of Danville CC (not an EJP student);
- Two \$500 scholarships to returning citizens who have been incarcerated within the past five years within the state of Illinois.

This is the scholarship packet for family members of DCC staff.

This scholarship packet consists of three parts: 1. This sheet containing the filing information, 2. The Instruction Sheet, and 3. The Cover Sheet (two-pages). Please read and carefully review the entire packet before filling it out to make sure that you meet all eligibility requirements. Also, please be sure to sign the Cover Sheet before you submit it and supply ALL requested information. Incomplete applications and applications that do not meet all of the eligibility requirements will not be considered.

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.

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

Your final application will consist of the following materials:

- 1.) Completed Cover Sheet,
- 2.) 1-2 page essay, and
- 3.) Verification of enrollment

Please enclose all the materials in an envelope and mail to the Education Justice Project at the address below. Your application must be postmarked no later than November 2, 2015 for consideration. 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. Thank you and please address any questions to info@educationjustice.net or contact the FACE Scholarship Program Coordinator, Perry L. Benson, Jr. at plbensonjr@gmail.com.



Education Justice Project

Education Justice Project Scholarship Packet (Family of DCC Staff) Due November 2, 2015

INSTRUCTION SHEET

The Education Justice Project will award a \$500 scholarship in December 2015 to a family member of a Danville Correctional Center staff person. If you are related to a Danville Correctional Center staff member and enrolled in an accredited higher education program, you may apply. Please read over the entire application before filling it out to make sure that you meet all eligibility requirements. Please be sure to sign the form before you submit it and to supply all requested information. Incomplete applications and applications that do not meet eligibility requirements will not be considered.

Scholarship funds must be spent during 2016. 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, website, or promotional materials. The letter is due before December 31, 2016.

Winners 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 in your essay. Applicants who do not demonstrate financial need are not eligible for the scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible relatives are children, stepchildren, parents, stepparents, spouses, nephews, nieces, siblings, and grandchildren. The funds must be applied to an accredited higher education program. You must be enrolled in the program or have received notice of acceptance.

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.

Winners will be notified by EJP staff in early December and may be requested to attend the U of I convocation at Danville Correctional Center in Spring 2016 in order to be presented with their award (although actual funds may be dispersed earlier).



Education Justice Project

**Education Justice Project Scholarship Packet (Family of DCC Staff)
Due November 2, 2015**

COVER SHEET

Applicant's name _____

Name of DCC staff member _____

Relationship _____

Applicants must be related to a DCC staff member. In other words, you must be a child, stepchild, parent, stepparent, spouse, nephew, niece, sibling, or grandchild of a DCC staff member. If you are unsure of whether your relationship qualifies, please contact info@educationjustice.net or 217.300.5150.

Applicant's
Address _____

Applicant's
Email _____

Applicant's
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.

For Office Use Only. Applicant Code: _____

By signing this Cover Sheet, you agree that any funds received will be applied towards attendance at an accredited program of higher education in 2016 and to write a 1-2 page letter explaining how you used the funds. This letter is due before December 31, 2016. You also agree to notify EJP immediately in the event of disenrollment.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____