

Education for Success \$1,000 Scholarship 2012 APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

Application Deadline is June 30, 2012

Award Announcement is August, 2012

Background

The Sacramento County Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) has set an annual goal of awarding scholarships in increments of \$1000 to youth who:

- Demonstrate a willingness to work towards improving themselves.
- Document in writing a positive educational plan for their future.
- Completion of GED or have a high school diploma.
- Have need for some degree of financial assistance.

Initiated in 2006, the Juvenile Justice Commissioners voted to take advantage of a Sacramento County Superior Court policy that pays Commissioners \$25 per meeting for their voluntarily participating in JJC monthly meetings. It was agreed that all funds paid to the Commissioners would be donated to JJC to support the Education for Success Scholarship Program. The Juvenile Services Council also has generously donated to this scholarship program.

Scholarship Application Process

Minimum requirements to qualify for the JJC Scholarship are that the youth must:

- Be a resident of Sacramento County
- Be currently or previously involved in the County's juvenile justice system and/or on probation with the Sacramento County Probation Department
- Be under the age of 22 at the time of application submission.
- Submit copy of paperwork substantiating receipt of GED or high school diploma
- Applicants expecting to earn a high school diploma/GED by July 30, 2012 may submit a letter from their school indicating the date they expect to receive their diploma/GED
- Submit paperwork documenting pursuit of further educational opportunities such as career technical education, specialized career training, or college
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a support person such as a teacher, school counselor, probation officer or social worker
- **Complete the application (see pages 2 & 3 below) – It must include:**
 - 1) *The applicant's signature*
 - 2) *A brief essay stating how the applicant could benefit from the scholarship including how the scholarship funds are to be used*
 - 3) *A signed Public Use of Name Agreement*

Applicant should review and complete all three pages of this application form and submit the completed form no later than the above noted application date deadline.

Scholarship Award and Follow-up Process

Applications will be reviewed by the JJC's Education Committee. The Education Committee will make recommendations to the full JJC and scholarships will be awarded with the majority approval of the JJC. When the Scholarship Awards are announced, **the recipient or the recipient's designated representative must be present for the award announcement presentation.** Distribution of funds will be completed upon submission by the youth of proof of acceptance and/or enrollment in college, technical school or specialized career training as outlined in the application for scholarship. After receipt of the award, the youth may be asked to make a brief statement about this experience to the JJC. No more than one scholarship from the JJC Program will be awarded to an individual.

JJC Scholarship Application Form

Please fill out this application completely and carefully. Attach additional sheets and letters of reference as needed. All information will remain confidential and will not be released without the applicant's permission.

NAME: _____
Last First Middle Initial

ADDRESS: _____
Home Number & Street Name City State Zip Code

CONTACT: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____
(email address) Best number for contact

_____ Date of Birth School (current/last attended) Date of Diploma or GED

_____ Sponsor (Teacher/Probation Officer/Counselor/Social Worker) Sponsor's Phone Number

_____ Sponsor's email address Sponsor's Mobile Phone

_____ If not living at home, name of Foster Parent/Group Home where currently living Foster Parent's Phone #

Length of time in current placement? _____
Years/Months

Phone number we can reach you for notification: _____

If emancipated, how long have you been living independently? _____
Years / Months

Essay Description -

Please attach a brief essay about yourself. This should include the following areas:

- A) Describe your current and past situation related to the Sacramento County Juvenile Justice System.
- B) Explain what efforts you have made towards improving your life situation (e.g. personal savings, jobs, academic achievements, vocational training, grades, higher education, etc.).
- C) Briefly describe your short and long-term goals and how the requested funding will help you attain those goals.

I certify that the above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Is the *Letter of Recommendation* signed by your sponsor and attached to this application form?

YES NO If No, please explain: _____

Is a *Letter of Acceptance or Proof of Enrollment* in an additional educational program attached?

YES NO If No, please explain: _____

Is the *Public Use of Name Agreement Form* signed and attached to this application form?

YES NO If No, please explain: _____

County of Sacramento Juvenile Justice Commission
Attention: Educational Committee
C/o Superior Court of California – Juvenile Division
9605 Kiefer Blvd.,
Sacramento, CA 95827

PUBLIC USE OF NAME AGREEMENT

In recognition of accepting an Education for Success Scholarship from the Sacramento County Juvenile Justice Commission, I,

Print Last Name

Print First Name

agree to permit my name to be used in public recognition of this scholarship award.

do not agree to permit my name to be used in public recognition of this scholarship award.

(Agreeing or declining to agree to this will have no affect on the decision to award the scholarship.)

Applicant's Signature

Date

PLEASE NOTE: If applicant is under 18 years of age at time of application, a parent/guardian must also provide a signature below:

In recognition of my child's accepting an Education for Success Scholarship from the Sacramento County Juvenile Justice Commission, I agree to permit my child's name to be used in public recognition of this scholarship award.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Or, I do **not** agree to permit my child's name to be used in public recognition of this scholarship award.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Thank you for your submission.