

EDUCATION FOR SUCCESS \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP

2014 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICATION DEADLINE – JUNE 30 2014
AWARD NOTIFICATION – AUGUST 2014

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 self-improvement.
- Have obtained their high school diploma or obtained an equivalency certificate during the 2013-2014 school year.
- Have a positive educational plan for their future.
- Have a need for 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 monthly JJC 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.

Eligibility Requirements

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

- Be a current resident of Sacramento County.
- Be under the age of 22 at the time of application submission.
- Be currently or previously involved in Sacramento County's juvenile justice system and/or on probation with the Sacramento County Probation Department.
- Graduate high school or obtain equivalency certificate (i.e. GED).
- Be accepted to or enrolled in post high school educational program including college, vocational program specialized career training, etc.
- Not have received a JJC scholarship before.

Application Process

- Complete the 3 page application - ***INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED***
- Collect copies of required documentation (see checklist)
- Submit the completed form, required letter, & documentation no later than the above noted application 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.
- Applicants will receive a phone call from one of the JJC's Education Committee members notifying them of the award and the award presentation date.
****The recipient or the recipient's designated representative must be present for the award presentation.**
- Funds will be distributed after the youth has provided proof of acceptance and/or enrollment in college, vocational school or specialized career training as outlined in the application for scholarship.
- Funds will be made in two installments.
 - The first installment will be issued upon receipt of proof of enrollment in a post high school program (college, vocational, etc.)
 - The second installment will be given to the youth at the award presentation during a Sacramento County Board of Supervisor's meeting. After receipt of the award, the youth may be asked to make a brief statement about their experience.

EDUCATION FOR SUCCESS \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP

2014 APPLICATION CHECKLIST

APPLICATION DEADLINE JUNE 30 2014
AWARD NOTIFICATION AUGUST 2014

Thank you for your interest in the Education for Success \$1000 Scholarship. Each year the Sacramento County Juvenile Justice Commission looks forward to awarding deserving youth these scholarships. Unfortunately, each year there are a few youth whose applications are not considered because they are incomplete. **Your application must be complete and all documents included to be considered for an award.** Below is a checklist for you to use as a tool to ensure your application is complete.

- Completed scholarship application - *don't forget to sign it!*
- Essay that is clean and legible.
*Your essay should be about yourself and provide the information listed in the prompt on the application.
- Copy of diploma or equivalency certificate (i.e. GED, High School Proficiency)
*Applicants expecting to earn a high school diploma/GED by July 30, 2014 may submit a letter from their school indicating the date they expect to receive their diploma/GED
- Documentation of acceptance or enrollment into a post high school education program such as college, vocational or specialized career training program.
- Letter of recommendation from your sponsor (must be signed).
*A sponsor is a support person such as a teacher, counselor, probation officer or social worker.
- Signed "Public Use of Name Agreement" form.

Send your completed application and required documents to:
County of Sacramento Juvenile Justice Commission
Attention: Educational Committee
c/o Superior Court of California – Juvenile Division
9605 Kiefer Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95827

DUE DATE: JUNE 30, 2014

Please fill out this application completely and carefully - **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**
 All information will remain confidential and will not be released without the applicant's permission.
 Be sure that all required documentation is submitted along with this application.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Date of Birth: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

What is the best way to contact you? Email Telephone Other: _____

Email Address: _____ Best phone number to contact you at: _____

School (most recently attended): _____ Date of Diploma or Equivalency: _____

Where do you *currently* live? Bio-Home Foster Home Group Home Own Place Homeless Juvenile Hall

How long have you been living here? _____

Foster Parent/Group Home Name: _____ Phone#: _____

If you are currently in a group home or juvenile hall, please provide planned discharge date: _____

Phone number we can reach you for notification? _____

SPONSOR INFORMATIONFull Name: _____ Sponsor's relationship to applicant:
 Probation Officer Teacher Counselor Social Worker

Email: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

ESSAY

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

- A) Describe your current or past involvement with the Sacramento County Juvenile Justice system.
- B) Explain what efforts you have made towards self-improvement (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.

It is strongly encouraged that your essay be typewritten. If your essay must be handwritten, please ensure that it is neat and legible.

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

Signature_____
Printed Name_____
Date

Have you included the letter of recommendation; letter of acceptance or proof of enrollment in a post high school education/vocational program; and a signed "Public Use of Name Agreement" with this application?

 Yes No If no, please list which documents are missing and explain why._____

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 first & last 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 effect 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 select one of the below options and provide a signature:

- 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

- 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.