

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DUE: OCTOBER 24, 2025 BY 4:00PM

*\$5,000 awarded to
the scholarship recipient!*

The Coalition Criminal Justice Scholarship Fund was created for the purpose of encouraging students to pursue higher education in the field of Criminal Justice, Human Services, Psychology or a related field of study. Since its inception, the mission of the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism is to empower citizens (of Lake County) returning from incarceration through education and employment.

ATTENTION

- Students graduating from Lake County's regional high schools or current Illinois college students (must be a resident of Lake County).
- Students continuing education at any accredited institution of higher learning (not applicable to online universities).
- Students pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice, Human Services, Psychology or a related field of study.

Waukegan Township Supervisor:

Marc L. Jones

Coalition Founder:

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Executive Board Members:

*Dr. Sylvia Johnson Jones, Coalition President
Stella Jones, Coalition Vice-President
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Personal Background

Full Name :

Address :

City : State: Zip Code :

E-Mail : FaceBook:

Twitter : Phone :

Date Of Birth : Place of Birth :
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Parent(s) or Guardian(s) with whom you live (if applicable)

Name : Relationship :

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Academic Background

Name of your High School/College/Universtiy:

City : State: Zip Code :

Grade Point Average (on 4.0 scale):

Expected Graduation Date:

College you plan to attend in Fall of the current year :

City : State: Zip Code :

Major Career Goals

Thank you for applying to the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism's Criminal Justice Scholarship Program.

If you have any questions contact 847.244.4900 or via email: coalition2rr@waukegantownship.com

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Essay

The required essay(no more than 250 words) is attached:

"The impact of recidivism on the Lake County community and how a degree in criminal justice or a related field will enable you to better serve the community and combat recidivism."

Academic Transcript

A true and correct copy of my high school/college/university transcript, certified by an appropriate school official, is attached.

Extracurricular Activities

(Include school & work activities)

(If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet)

References

Three letters of recommendation, from three individuals (i.e. academic advisor, professor, employer, coach, and/or faith base community leader) are attached. At least **ONE** letter from an academic source is mandatory.

Application Procedures

All applications must be **RECEIVED** by **October 24, 2025, by 4:00 pm.**

Late applications will not be considered.

You must meet all the eligibility criteria (see eligibility criteria on the back page).

All parts of the application must be typed or be legible in order to be considered.

All attachments must contain your full name.

Scholarship funds will be awarded at the Coalition Public Meeting in December, which is held on the third Monday of December from 8:30 to 10:00 am via ZOOM.

Signature : _____

Date: _____

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Eligibility Criteria

Coalition to Reduce Recidivism's Criminal Justice Scholarship

To be eligible for the scholarship, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in undergraduate courses or entering college for the first time in the upcoming academic year, in pursuit of, a degree in Criminal Justice or a related field of study.
- Open to all levels of grade point average.
- Must be a resident of Lake County, Illinois.
- Must submit an official high school and/or college transcript.
- Must submit a resume, cover letter, and completed application form.
- Must be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning as a full-time undergraduate student.
- Must have a history of extracurricular activities that demonstrates a willingness to accept leadership responsibilities, commitment to civic responsibilities, social consciousness, and a willingness to serve the community. (student government, club officer, etc./community service projects, volunteer activities with local service agencies or charitable institution, etc.)
- Must submit the required essay (no more than 250 words): "The impact of recidivism on the Lake County community and how a degree in criminal justice or a related field will enable you to better serve the community and combat recidivism."
- Must submit three letters of recommendation from different sources (i.e. academic advisor, professor, employer, coach, or faith community member)

At least **one** letter from an academic source is mandatory.

Application Checklist

- Cover Letter:** The student applicant must submit a cover letter requesting consideration of his/her scholarship application.
- Scholarship Application:** All sections of this application must be completed. The student must sign and date the scholarship application.
- Essay** (no more than 250 words): " The impact of recidivism on the Lake County community and how a degree in criminal justice or a related field will enable you to better serve the community and combat recidivism."
- Transcripts:** submit an official high school/college/university transcript indicating your most recent academic work (after being awarded the scholarship, receiving it is contingent on the submission of your most recent semester transcripts).
- Letter of Recommendation:** The student must submit three (3) letters of recommendation. At least **one** letter from an academic source is mandatory.

Please forward your application to :

Coalition to Reduce Recidivism Attn: Scholarship Program
149 South Genesee Street, Waukegan IL 60085