

# **CHILDREN WITH INCARCERATED PARENTS INITIATIVE**

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Institute for Municipal & Regional Policy

## 2018 Scholarship Opportunity

### The Scholarship

Central Connecticut State University (CCSU)'s Institute for Municipal & Regional Policy (IMRP) is home to the Connecticut Children with Incarcerated Parents (CIP) Initiative. Each fall, the CIP Initiative offers scholarships for CCSU students that have, or have had, a close family member incarcerated.

### Applicant Criteria

In order to qualify for the 2018 Children with Incarcerated Parents Scholarship, applicants must:

- Have experienced the incarceration of a close family member during their youth,
- Show evidence of a commitment to public service,
- Be registered as a full-time, matriculated undergraduate or graduate Central Connecticut State University student (taking at least 12 credits) during the fall semester of 2017.

Please complete the application below, and submit all required materials from the Required Materials list.

### Required Materials

- Application
- Most recent transcript
- Proof of full time student status
- Letter of recommendation from an individual affiliated with CCSU
- Letter of recommendation from an individual affiliated with the student's high school

The CIP Initiative may add further criteria to the above in order to enhance the selection process.

### Scholarship Application

Students may apply for the scholarship by completing the attached application form. Applications will be reviewed in October and November, 2017, for scholarship awards will be paid before December 15<sup>th</sup> for the spring 2018 semester.

**E-mail the completed Scholarship Application and required materials to [ctcip@ccsu.edu](mailto:ctcip@ccsu.edu) by October 20, 2017.**

### Assistance with Scholarship Application

Tutors at the CCSU Writing Center can assist students with any stage of the CIP Scholarship Application. Students can schedule appointments by phone at (860) 832-2765 or by stopping in person to Carroll Hall, room 002.

### Scholarship Award

Scholarship awards of up to \$1,500 per academic semester will be granted to chosen applicants. The number of awards will be determined by the CIP Initiative based on proposals received and amount of available CIP funds. The scholarship is renewable for the sophomore,

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junior and senior years (up to a maximum of six (6) semesters in total) provided the recipient maintain full-time status and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.60.

It is recognized that IMRP's funding for scholarship is dependent upon continued funding from the Connecticut General Assembly for its Children with Incarcerated Parents Initiative. If there is a reduction in funding or other budgetary rescissions are imposed or required, IMRP shall, with written notice to awardee(s), terminate or amend any agreement.

Recipients of the scholarship shall be required to participate in an IMRP sponsored outreach project, with a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer service per academic year. The IMRP's current projects include:

- Racial Profiling Prohibition Project <http://www.ctrp3.org/>
- Results First <http://www.cga.ct.gov/app/RFPO/taskforce.asp>
- Connecticut Sentencing Commission  
[http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2967&Q=476520&opmNav\\_GID=1797](http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2967&Q=476520&opmNav_GID=1797)
- Children with Incarcerated Parents Initiative [www.CTCIP.org](http://www.CTCIP.org).
- Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity in the Criminal Justice System  
[http://www.ct.gov/redcjs/site/default.asp?](http://www.ct.gov/redcjs/site/default.asp)

In addition, there is the possibility of employment as a Student Worker with the IMRP or completing an internship during your studies.

Recipients who drop below a 2.60 grade point average or who do not earn a minimum of 30 hours of academic credit per year may be given a one-time probationary period of one semester to meet the renewal requirements. Probation may not be granted for students whose grade point averages are below 2.0 or who have earned less than 24 credits in an academic year. If this should occur, the student may contact us directly to discuss the possibility of, and requirements for, reapplication.

### *Background on the IMRP*

The IMRP is dedicated to enriching the quality of local, state and national public policy. With a practical approach, we bridge the divide between academia, policymakers, practitioners and the community.

### *Background on the Children with Incarcerated Parents Initiative*

Since fiscal year 2008, Central Connecticut State University's (CCSU) Institute for Municipal & Regional Policy (IMRP) has been receiving annual funding from the Connecticut General Assembly to administer competitive grants for providing positive interventions for youth whose parent(s) and/or family members have been incarcerated.

The IMRP, in collaboration with several faculty members from the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (ConnSCU) system and other Universities, is evaluating the effectiveness of direct care services in alleviating negative responses to parental incarceration and improving the positive attributes of children with incarcerated parents. The mission for the CIP Initiative is to improve the quality of supports for children with incarcerated parents by using the various data and knowledge it gains to inform public policy and practice.

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APPLICATION		
CONTACT		
Name:		
Student ID#:	E-mail:	
Current address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION		
Current employer:		
Employer address:		
Phone:	E-mail:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Previous employer:		
Employer address:		
Phone:	E-mail:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:
HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION		
Name	Address	Years attended

<p><b>Short answer question #1:</b> Would you be interested in supporting the CIP Initiative? In what ways? (Note: Answering “no” to this question will not have a negative impact on your application)</p>
Empty space for answer
<p><b>Short answer question #2:</b> In your opinion, does social stigma about incarceration make things more difficult for a child with an incarcerated parent? Why or why not? What do you believe may help to reduce the stigma?</p>
Empty space for answer

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**Essay:** Parental incarceration impacts youth across the State of Connecticut, and throughout the U.S. How do you believe this experience may impact a child's development? Positively and/or negatively?