

CONNECTICUT CHILDREN WITH INCARCERATED PARENTS INITIATIVE

Institute for Municipal & Regional Policy

2020 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 Initiative (CTCIP). Each fall, CTCIP offers scholarships for CCSU students that have, or have had, a close family member incarcerated.

Applicant Criteria

To qualify for the 2020 Children with Incarcerated Parents Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be experiencing, or have experienced, the incarceration of a close family member
- Be registered as a full-time, matriculated undergraduate or graduate Central Connecticut State University student during the fall semester of 2020.

Required Materials

- Application
- Most recent transcript
- Proof of full time student status
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals affiliated with CCSU (for incoming freshman and transfer students, letters from staff/faculty of your prior institution will suffice)

* CTCIP may add further criteria to the above in order to enhance the selection process.

Scholarship Application

Students should apply for the scholarship by completing the included application form and submitting the above-listed documents. Applications will be reviewed in December 2020. Scholarship awards will be announced before December 31st for the spring 2021 semester.

E-mail the completed Scholarship Application and required materials to ctcip@ccsu.edu by 11:59pm on Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

Assistance with Scholarship Application

Tutors at the CCSU Writing Center can assist students with the Scholarship Application. Due to COVID-19, students can schedule an online appointment with a tutor. Appointments can be made through the Writing Center's scheduling software: <https://ccsu.mywconline.com/>. Further details, including hours of operation, are located on this page as well.

Additionally, the Writing Center homepage offers two videos about making and joining online appointments using the Center's scheduling software. To view those videos, and other information, please visit their site here: <https://www.ccsu.edu/writingCenter/>.

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 CTCIP based on proposals received

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and amount of available funds. The scholarship is renewable for a maximum of six (6) semesters in total, provided the recipient maintains 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 Connecticut 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:

- Connecticut Children with Incarcerated Parents Initiative www.CTCIP.org.
- Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Project <http://www.ctrp3.org/>
- Results First <http://resultsfirstct.org/>
- Connecticut Sentencing Commission <http://ctsentencingcommission.org/>
- Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity in the Criminal Justice System <http://redcjs.org/>
- Connecticut Reentry Collaborative <http://ctreentry.org/>

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 the minimum number of academic credits to be considered full-time during any given semester, 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 the minimum number of credits to be considered full-time for an entire academic year (e.g., a minimum of 24 hours of academic credit per year for undergraduate students). If this should occur, the student may contact CTCIP 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 Connecticut Children with Incarcerated Parents Initiative

Since fiscal year 2008, the 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 (CSCU) 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

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mission for CTCIP 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.

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

Short answer question #1: What do you think CTCIP should focus on to improve supports for children with incarcerated parents?

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Short answer question #2: 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 stigma?

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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?

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