

# CHILDREN WITH INCARCERATED PARENTS INITIATIVE

Institute for Municipal & Regional Policy

## 2023 Children with Incarcerated Parents Scholarship

### The Scholarship

The University of Connecticut (UConn)'s Institute for Municipal & Regional Policy (IMRP) is home to the Children with Incarcerated Parents (CIP) Initiative. The CIP Initiative offers scholarships for UConn students that have, or have had, a close family member incarcerated. Chosen applicants will receive scholarship awards of up to \$1,500 per academic semester.

### Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for the 2023 Children with Incarcerated Parents Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be experiencing, or have experienced, the incarceration of a close family member. The length of incarceration does not impact your eligibility.
- Be registered as a full-time, matriculated undergraduate at the University of Connecticut Hartford campus during the fall semester of 2023.

### Required Materials

- Complete application with essay
- Most recent transcript
- Proof of full-time student status
- Two letters of recommendation. One from UConn staff or faculty (for incoming freshman and transfer students, a letter from staff/faculty of your prior institution will suffice) and a second from a community member or community service site supervisor who can speak to your work ethic, leadership, and character.

\* The CIP Initiative may add further criteria to the above to enhance the selection process.

### Scholarship Application

Students should apply for the scholarship by completing the application form and submitting the above-listed documents. The 2023 scholarship application will open on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and is due on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Scholarship awards will be announced before February 1<sup>st</sup> for the spring 2024 semester and payment will be made soon after.

**E-mail the completed Scholarship Application and required materials to [ctcip@uconn.edu](mailto:ctcip@uconn.edu) by 11:59pm on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.**

### Assistance with Scholarship Application

Writing Consultants at the Writing Center at UConn Hartford can assist students with the Scholarship Application. Appointments can be made through the Writing Center's scheduling software: <https://wcenter.hartford.uconn.edu/>. Further details, including hours of operation, will also be on this page.

### 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 the amount of available funds. Selections will be based on numerous factors including a completed application, the submission of all required materials, responses to short and long essay questions,

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and financial need as categorized by the Office of Student Financial Aid Services at UConn. 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 scholarships is dependent upon continued funding from the Connecticut General Assembly for its Children with Incarcerated Parents Initiative, and from donations received to support scholarships. If there is a reduction in funding or other budgetary rescissions imposed or required, IMRP shall, with written notice to awardee(s), terminate or amend any agreement.

Scholarship recipients must participate in an IMRP-sponsored outreach project, with at least 20 hours of volunteer service per academic year. The IMRP's current projects include:

- Children with Incarcerated Parents (CIP) Initiative [www.CTCIP.org](http://www.CTCIP.org).
- Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Project <http://www.ctrp3.org/>
- Connecticut Sentencing Commission <http://ctsentencingcommission.org/>
- Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity in the Criminal Justice System <http://redcjs.org/>
- International Justice Exchange: <https://internationaljusticeexchange.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 12 credits per semester for undergraduate students). If this should occur, the student may contact the CIP Initiative 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, 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 mission for the CIP Initiative is to improve the quality of support for children with incarcerated parents by using the various data and knowledge it gains to inform public policy and practice.



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**Essay:** Parental incarceration impacts children and youth across the State of Connecticut, and throughout the U.S. What would you do in collaboration with the CIP Initiative if you had \$2,500 to design a plan to support a child/youth impacted by parental incarceration locally?