

# CHILDREN WITH INCARCERATED PARENTS INITIATIVE

Institute for Municipal & Regional Policy

## 2025 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 2025 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 2025.

### 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 2025 scholarship application will open on **January 27, 2025** and will be due on **April 4, 2025**. Scholarship awards will be announced before May 5<sup>th</sup> for the Fall 2025 semester.

**E-mail the completed Scholarship Application and required materials to [ctcip@uconn.edu](mailto:ctcip@uconn.edu) by 11:59pm on Friday, April 4, 2025.**

### 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

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application, the submission of all required materials, responses to short and long essay questions, 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 the Children with Incarcerated Parents (CIP) Initiative, with at least 20 hours of volunteer service per academic year. More information regarding the Initiative can be found here: [www.CTCIP.org](http://www.CTCIP.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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<b>APPLICATION</b>		
STUDENT INFORMATION		
First Name:	Last Name:	
Net ID#:	E-mail:	
Expected graduation date:	Major(s):	
Current address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
HIGH SCHOOL OR POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION INFORMATION		
School	Address	Dates attended

<p><b>Multiple choice:</b> To be eligible for this scholarship you must be experiencing, or have experienced, the incarceration of a close family member. Does this describe you?</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p><b>Short answer question #1:</b> Who or what has inspired you to pursue a college education? How would the CIP Scholarship aid you in achieving your academic and personal goals while at UConn?</p>
<p><b>Short answer question #2:</b> How has your family member’s incarceration impacted you (financially, academically, emotionally, mental, and physical health, etc.)?</p>

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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?