

RACIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Sponsored by the Faculty Council

The LaGuardia Faculty Council invites LaGuardia students to apply for the annual **Racial Justice Scholarship** of \$300.

DESCRIPTION:

The Racial Justice Scholarship (RJS) is inspired by the racial justice movement that mushroomed after the murder of (yet another) unarmed Black man in Minneapolis and the murder of (yet another) unarmed Black woman Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky. Those events catapulted a racial injustice reckoning across the country, triggering the urgent need to rethink and reform policing and the criminal justice system in general to help save Black and Brown lives.

Faculty Council (FC) wants to promote and facilitate LaGuardia students' academic alignment with (and preparedness for) the racial justice movement in the US. The RJS seeks to recognize LaGuardia students with sophisticated criminal justice reform ideas that are conducive to racial justice, and also seeks to motivate students to get intellectually involved in this historical event.

ELIGIBILITY:

Current LaGuardia students. No GPA Requirement! Each Spring I, FC will open and promote its "racial justice" essay contest for LaGuardia students across all departments to participate.

ELIGIBILITY: PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Complete the attached application form for this announcement.
2. **Submit Notice of Intent with Brief Narrative of Topic.**
3. **Submit a Word document with your essay.**
4. Submit a copy of your most recent **Official Transcript** from [Registrar's Office](#) (No charge).

APPLICATION

Notice of Intent: May 28, 2021

DEADLINE:

Essay Deadline: July 30, 2021

Submit all of the information requested above to: Professor Kyle Hollar-Gregory, Prof. Lloyd Klein and Prof. Ian Mcdermott. See contact information on the application below.

Please Note: Your application and essay will be evaluated on the basis of the strength of your argument, the relevance of your sources, and the organization of your material. Excessive grammatical errors that impede our ability to understand your argument is disqualifying, so be sure to visit the Writing Center. Excessive grammatical and spelling errors will be considered when reviewing essays.

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Application

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____ DATE _____

MAJOR _____ EMPLID _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE # :(HOME) _____ (WORK OR CELL) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CREDITS EARNED: _____

SESSION AND YEAR THAT YOU EXPECT TO GRADUATE: _____

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Essay guidelines

1. Choose one or two topics (i.e., school-to-prison pipeline, defunding the police, police reform, prison reform, prosecutorial reform, mass incarceration, decriminalization, restorative justice, juvenile justice reform) that strike you as a key to achieve racial justice in the criminal justice system
2. Write a 5-page essay on said topic/s observing this format:
 - a. Introduction: no more than ½ page, announce the topic/s, references and proposed paths to achieve racial justice.
 - b. Background: No more than 2 pages, reference at least 2 academic sources to help you explain the topics and identify solutions.
 - c. Discussion: No more than 2 pages, argue your way into racial and criminal justice reform. Make an argument for your solution to racial and criminal justice reform, reference at least two academic sources using a Library database.
 - d. Conclusion: no more than ½ page, summarize key points and make your final argument for achieving racial justice.
 - e. Reference at least 4 academic sources (at least 2 from a library database preferably from the criminal justice field) to support your arguments. Two of the sources must be peer-reviewed articles from Library Databases.
 - f. Use APA style for all in-text citations throughout the paper and for the reference list at the end of the paper, which should have at least 2 academic sources from Library databases.
 - g. Times New Roman, 12-point Font, Double spaced.
3. Highly recommended: Students are encouraged to visit the writing center, library and proofread essays. Particular attention will be paid to the strength of your argument, the relevance of your sources, and the organization of your material. Excessive grammatical errors that impede our ability to understand your argument is disqualifying, so be sure to visit the Writing Center. Excessive grammatical and spelling errors will be considered when reviewing essays.

Submission process

No later than the last Friday of May (5/28/2021), interested students must send Criminal Justice Program Assistant Prof. Kyle Hollar-Gregory (khollar-gregory@lagcc.cuny.edu), Prof. Ian Mcdermott (imcdermott@lagcc.cuny.edu) and Prof. Lloyd Klein (lklein@lagcc.cuny.edu) an email as a “Notice of intent to apply.” Students should provide Prof. Hollar-Gregory\with full name, brief narrative/synopsis of chosen topic and include “Notice of intent to apply for Racial Justice Scholarship” in the subject line of e-mail.

Essay deadline: Last Friday of July (7/30/2021)

Faculty Council will announce winner the last week of September.

CHECKLIST

- _____ Completed Application Form
- _____ Brief Narrative/Synopsis due with Notice of Intent
- _____ Racial Justice Essay
- _____ Official Transcript