

MPACT Scholarship



JCFC/CEF MPACT scholarship initiative dedicated to providing financial assistance to youth facing circumstances that threaten their education. Recognizing the vital role education plays in shaping a youth's future, MPACT aims to assist youth with moving in the direction of their choice, helps them reach their goals, and lessens the financial burdens that may hinder a youth's access to learning opportunities. MPACT seeks to empower youth to overcome adversity and continue their educational journey without interruption.

JCFC/CEF

JCFC and CEF are pleased to announce that we have partnered with MCC for a scholarship matching opportunity. This scholarship is valued at \$1,500 per semester at any of the Metropolitan Community College locations. The applicant must enroll in MCC and provide an acceptance letter to receive funding.

Eligibility

Youth must be currently under the jurisdiction of Jackson County Family Court or have been previously under jurisdiction within the last school year.

Academic Achievement

-High school graduates must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, but 2.5 is preferred

or

- Documentation of HiSET completion

*** Academic criteria may vary by vocational or institution requirements***

Letters Of Recommendation

Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation

-Educator recommendation: One letter should be from a current or former teacher, administrator or advisor, athletic coach, volunteer supervisor and or GED instructor.

-Community recommendation: The second letter may be from a community leader, Family Court and/or juvenile justice personnel, employer and/or mentor who can attest to the applicant's dedication and potential.

-Optional character reference: The third letter is not required, but may be from a person who can attest to your character.

Essay Component

All applicants must submit a compelling essay of at least 500 words discussing your personal experiences, motivations, challenges overcome, and the impact on your academic pursuits. ***Evaluation criteria is based on originality, coherence, and relevance to given topic.

Financial Need

While not mandatory, applicants may provide information on their financial need, particularly if it affects their ability to pursue higher education

Financial need is not a disqualifier and will not cause in applicant to be ineligible to receive funding

Submission

Completed application and required documentation must be submitted to: Shanylrica Lee: slee@courts.mo.gov <u>AND</u> Centoria Roulette-Jackson: Centoria.Roulette Jackson@courts.mo.gov