

## **The Undergraduate Scholarship for Social Justice**

*Deadline Date for Application: Monday, October 26, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.*

**Name** This scholarship, known as the Undergraduate Scholarship for Social Justice, will be awarded in the amount of \$700 to one undergraduate of any background who demonstrates exemplary efforts to advance social justice.

**Biography** Joey Lee Garmon, an African American male, was born August 20, 1947, in a predominately European American community. In this setting, it was not uncommon to have teachers and students engage in racial abuses in the classroom. When a person from a different racial/ethnic background walked down the street, he/she was often met with racial harassment. In addition, there was overt discrimination in seeking employment as a person of color. Within this community, Joey Lee Garmon was unable to find sensitive nurturing of his cultural identity in either the school system or in the community. Like so many young people in desperate and hopeless situations, Joey Lee Garmon gave up on himself and turned to drugs. On August 30, 1972, at the age of 24, he committed suicide.

This scholarship is a companionship scholarship to the Garmon Award. This scholarship recognizes that efforts of inclusion and acceptance are important in all communities.

**Scholarship Eligibility** **The applicant of the scholarship must meet the following criteria in order to receive the scholarship:**

1. The applicant must be an undergraduate of any background with a strong record of social justice activism.
2. Applicants should be currently enrolled at Kansas State University as a fulltime undergraduate student and must be enrolled as a fulltime undergraduate at Kansas State University while receiving the award.
3. Applicants must complete an application.
4. Applicants must write a two-page essay reflecting on 1) how applicant has already contributed to social justice; 2) how applicant plans to use their education to contribute to social justice issues, and 3) why social justice in a multicultural society is still relevant today.
5. Students must provide two letters of reference. Reference letters should validate the applicant's academic and leadership achievements and should verify that the applicant is successfully progressing toward graduation.
6. A copy of the applicant's academic transcript must be included with the application.
7. Submit the Release of Information Form signed and dated by the applicant.

**Eligibility Notification** **If the applicant does not submit all of the above information, the applicant will not be considered eligible for the scholarship.**

**Selection and Time Line** The recipient will be chosen by a scholarship committee of university representatives. The applicants will be informed by email of the award selection.

The scholarship will be awarded for spring semester and the check will be made to Kansas State University for a tuition stipend.



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*Applicants must sign a Release of Information form (included with this application) so the scholarship committee can verify student financial assistance and employment income.*

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All applicants will be notified as to the status of their application via email.

**Release of Information**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give the Undergraduate Scholarship for Social Justice Committee permission to verify financial assistance with the Office of Student Financial Assistance and to check on sources of income obtained from employment.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

Return Completed Application to:

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