The Joey Lee Garmon Undergraduate Scholarship for Social Justice

Deadline Date for Application: Friday, Oct. 6th, 2023 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 ONE letter of reference. Reference letter 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.
Application

Please print or type.

Name: ____________________________________________

Last     First     Middle

University ID #: ____________________________ E-Mail: ____________________________________________

(print legibly)

Cell Phone

Local Address: Permanent Address:

__________________________ ____________________________

Street Street

__________________________ ____________________________

City Zip Code City Zip Code

Are you or will you be a full-time, undergraduate student at Kansas State University in Spring 2023?
(You must be a full-time, undergraduate Kansas State student to receive the scholarship.)
Yes ________ No ________

Ethnic/Racial Status (optional):

_______ African American _______ American Indian ________ Asian American

_______ Latino/Mexican American ________ Caucasian

Classification

_______ Freshman _________ Sophomore _________ Junior _________ Senior

Grade Point Average: ________

Are you the first in your family to go to college (optional)? _______ Yes _______ No

Career Choice: ____________________________

Expected Graduation Date: ____________________________

List high school, college, church or community activities in which you have participated:

__________________________ ____________________________

__________________________ ____________________________

Special Honors and Awards: ____________________________

__________________________ ____________________________

Leadership Activities and Roles: ____________________________

__________________________ ____________________________

Are you employed? _______ Yes _______ No

If employed, where? ____________________________
Applicants must write a two-page essay reflecting on
1) How the applicant has already contributed to social justice;
2) How the 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. Please be as specific as possible.

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  Date

Return Completed Application to:
Diversity and Multicultural Student Affairs
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