



Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation, Inc.
Serving Children and Youth Impacted by Incarceration

Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation Scholarship Announcement

In order to serve and improve outcomes for Central Kentucky youth impacted by incarceration and help them succeed in school and their communities, the Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation is excited to offer the **WJRF Adam Hyatt Memorial Scholarship** to qualified candidates from high schools within Frankfort Independent and Franklin County Schools.

Scholarship Details:

- Applicants must be directly impacted by incarceration, including: a parent and/or family member's current or previous incarceration OR reside in a neighborhood with a high crime rate.
- The scholarship award will be in the amount of \$1000 and paid directly to the institution of higher education.
- Scholarship can be renewed upon the review of the applicants academic standing and reevaluation of qualifications.
- In all matters, the Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation board shall have final discretion in the interpretation of guidelines in awarding the scholarship.

Candidates will be selected using the following criteria:

1. Applicants must have met the requirements for graduating in the current school year from a high school in Franklin County, Kentucky.
2. All applicants will complete the application form and provide a high school transcript. The application form can be obtained from the guidance counselors and/or FRYSC coordinator.
3. All applicants will provide one letter of recommendation from a non-relative adult who can verify the skills, activities, and background information presented in the application.
4. The scholarship will be based on a combination of factors including: impacted by incarceration; academic achievement; plan for success in higher education; and the essay.

Deadline for submitting application and all supporting materials: **April 15, 2021.**



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**Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation
Scholarship Application**

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

SCHOOL: _____

GRADUATION DATE: _____ G.P.A. _____

Do you have a family member who is currently, or previously, incarcerated?

Please list all school, extra-curricular activities, community service, or employment with which you are involved.

What are your education and professional goals?



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ESSAY TOPIC

Please write an essay on the following topic:

Research indicates that children and youth who have an incarcerated parent and/or reside in a high crime neighborhood, are less likely to graduate high school and less likely to pursue higher education. Even further, data supports that children and youth in such circumstances are more likely to engage in criminal activity and become incarcerated themselves. Using the following quote by William Arthur Ward, explain how you were able to rise above the impact of incarceration: “We can choose to throw stones, to stumble on them, to climb over them, or to build with them”.

Your essay should address the following components:

1. What challenges have you faced related to the impact of incarceration on your life?
2. Explain how you were able to overcome these obstacles or challenges.
3. How will you use your life experiences to positively impact your future and your community?

Essay Requirements:

- Essay must be typed
- 12-point font
- 1.5 inch space between lines
- Standard 1 inch margins on all sides

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____



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DATE: _____

Please return the completed application and supporting documents to:

WJ Robinson Foundation
P.O. Box 4591
Frankfort, KY 40604-4591