

June 27, 2017

Dear Administrator/Education Director:

The Joseph DeJames Memorial Scholarship Fund honors the memory of a man who dedicated his life to ensuring that kids who had become ensnared in the Juvenile Justice System would not be mistreated, simply because they were accused of breaking the law. Often times battling those who turned a blind eye to these kids, or worse yet, advocated harsh treatment for them. Joe worked tirelessly to ensure that Juvenile Detention Centers provided safe, clean and decent living conditions. Joe also worked to see that the kids housed in detention centers would receive a thorough and effective educational and social service program.

To honor Joe's memory, and to continue his life long efforts to help youth, a scholarship fund has been established in Joe's name. Please note, that this year's scholarship fund has been reduced from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00. Eligible recipients include the children of staff at any of New Jersey's 9 county Juvenile Detention Centers or youngsters who have been involved in New Jersey's Juvenile Justice System and who are now putting their lives back together and getting on the right track.

The scholarship may be used to support the post-secondary educational expenses of recipients. Scholarship funds can be used to defray the costs of tuition and books for a program of study at any accredited post-secondary educational program (i.e. college, university, or trade school). The scholarship check will be made payable directly to the educational program of the recipient

We are writing to you requesting your assistance in sending nominations and applications for this scholarship. Below guidelines must be addressed:

- A. Candidate must submit essay (500-1000 words) describing why they should received scholarship.
- B. Candidate must submit a letter of nomination from a person associated with the Juvenile Justice system.
- C. Candidate must identify facility by name. If parent or guardian is an employee of facility please note.
- D. Additional information is encouraged (i.e. Awards, Citations, etc.)
- E. Application, nomination letter and essay must be post marked no later than, July 31, 2017.

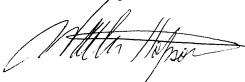
Please mail all information to:

The Joseph DeJames Memorial Scholarship  
C/O Ocean County Dept. of Juvenile Services  
PO Box 2191  
Toms River, NJ 08753

A panel of NJJDA officers and former colleagues will review all submitted applications. A selection will be made on or about September 1, 2017.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Walter Hopson  
NJJDA Scholarship Chairperson

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