



Kristina Star Jordan
Social Justice Scholarship
APPLICATION

– Application due date April 2, 2024 –



SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

(Please note that *incomplete applications are ineligible* for consideration.)

1. One (1) strong letter of recommendation from an advisor or mentor
2. Graduate of the Hartford Region Open Choice Program in the Class of 2024
3. Acceptance to a two- or four-year accredited institution of higher learning (no major or field of study required)
4. Demonstrated financial need (determined through FAFSA and included personal statement)

Applications must be received by April 2, 2024

Direct any questions to

Lauren Allen-Jones, Open Choice College and Career Advisor - lallenjones@crec.org or 860-916-8321

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Legal Name: _____
last first middle

Identity: _____

Mailing Address: _____
street (apt#) city, state zip

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

High School: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____
street city, state zip

School Counselor: _____ Actual or expected date of graduation: _____
mm/yyyy

School Counselor Email: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

- Parent
- Guardian - Please indicate relationship (e.g. foster parent, aunt, sibling, etc.): _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

- Parent
- Guardian - Please indicate relationship (e.g. foster parent, uncle, sibling, etc.): _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

As a graduating high school senior, list the names of the colleges to which you have applied, financial aid offerings, and the status of your applications.

1. College or University: _____

Application status: accepted pending deferred denied

Financial aid offered: none yes Amount: _____

2. College or University: _____

Application status: accepted pending deferred denied

Financial aid offered: none yes Amount: _____

3. College or University: _____

Application status: accepted pending deferred denied

Financial aid offered: none yes Amount: _____

4. College or University: _____

Application status: accepted pending deferred denied

Financial aid offered: none yes Amount: _____

5. College or University: _____

Application status: accepted pending deferred denied

Financial aid offered: none yes Amount: _____

FIELD OF INTEREST

(Not Required)

Intended college major: _____

Career goal(s):

PERSONAL STATEMENT

This scholarship is awarded in honor of the life of Kristina Star Jordan, Director of School Choice at CREC, who was an educational leader promoting racial equity and social justice for systematically marginalized individuals.

Your personal statement should be no longer than 500 words (1-2 typed, double spaced pages)

- 1. In your own words, describe your involvement in social justice/equity clubs or organizations within your school or community.*
- 2. Include descriptions of programs or initiatives that you supported and any leadership roles held.*
- 3. Attach a photo of yourself participating in these initiatives.*
- 4. Also describe how these experiences impacted your educational experience while enrolled in Open Choice.*

[Included as a separate document]

You may choose to submit a video, in lieu of a written essay, via YouTube/Google Drive/Dropbox, that includes the information detailed above. When submitting a video, please consider the following:

- Plan and script your video for optimal quality.*
- Be sure to touch on all aspects of the prompts above in your script.*
- Try to tell a story to engage the viewer.*
- Submissions should be no more than three (3) minutes in length.*

PERSONAL STATEMENT
(continued)

[Empty box for personal statement]

I have enclosed the following materials:
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 This scholarship application Essay or link to a video One (1) letters of reference
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The undersigned hereby certifies that the information provided in this application is true to the best of their knowledge. Providing erroneous or misleading information renders this application ineligible for consideration.

Student applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

KRISTINA STAR JORDAN
SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP FUND



For over 25 years, Kristina Star Jordan was an educational leader promoting racial equity and social justice for systematically marginalized individuals. At the time of her passing, Kristina was the Director of School Choice at CREC. Kristina was courageous, graceful, and unapologetic in working toward social justice and equity in her communities, especially for children in the New London and Hartford regions.

As Director of School Choice, Kristina built authentic relationships, changed systems, improved environments, established new practices, and ensured equitable access for students and families. She secured substantial funding to ensure that School Choice would continue having a skilled, supportive team to engage with regional partner districts. The message she lived up to was ensuring students feel proud of who they are and where they come from.

This scholarship in Kristina's name recognizes the efforts of a student who participates in the Hartford Region Open Choice Program and is a champion and leader in their district for equity, social justice, and inclusion.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION

Incorrect, incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered. Please proofread your application before submitting. Applicants must have attended High School through the Hartford Region Open Choice Program. **Applications must be received by April 2, 2024**

The application can be completed by printing and hand writing your information, or typing directly on the application using Adobe® Acrobat, software that can be downloaded for free from the Adobe® website. Essays must be typed. Electronically completed applications can then either be printed, signed, and mailed, or signed electronically by placing scanned signatures where appropriate, then attaching to an email.

Email: foundation@crec.org

Subject: Kristina Star Jordan Social Justice Scholarship Application

Mailing Address: CREC Foundation

c/o Scholarship Review Board

147 Charter Oak Avenue

Hartford, CT 06106

Scholarships are awarded at the sole discretion of the CREC Foundation Board of Directors.