

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(2)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 21, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving and authorizing the Juvenile Services Department Scholarship Program; authorizing the County Mayor to award scholarships in the total amount of \$20,000.00 for the program during FY 2022-2023; and authorizing the County Mayor to award additional scholarship awards commencing in FY 2023-2024, in a total amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 each year for the next five years

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Juvenile Services Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Date: June 21, 2023

To: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Approving and Authorizing the Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department Scholarship Program

Executive Summary

This resolution requests the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the Juvenile Services Department (JSD) Scholarship Program. It is further requested that during FY 2022-2023, the Board authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to award scholarships in the amount of \$1,500.00 to 13 youth who are current or former JSD clients. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to accredited colleges, universities, technical schools, vocational schools, or trade schools on behalf of the award recipients. Scholarship funds are available to at-risk and juvenile justice-involved individuals, including children of incarcerated parents, and/or those with a dependency history completing a JSD diversion or prevention program within one (1) year of their application submittal.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the attached resolution approving and authorizing the Juvenile Services Department Scholarship Program.
2. Authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to award up to \$20,000.000 in scholarships, in the amount of \$1,500.00 each to 13 youth during FY 2022-2023; and
3. Authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to award additional scholarships to eligible youth for a period of five years in a total amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 each year commencing in FY 2023-24.

Scope

Scholarship funds will support youth countywide.

Delegation of Authority

The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is authorized to award up to \$20,000.00 in scholarships through the JSD Scholarship Program during FY 2022-2023. Commencing in FY 2023-2024 and subject to available funding, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is further authorized to award scholarships in the amount of \$1,500.00 each to eligible youth for a period of five years in a total amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 each year.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This scholarship program has a fiscal impact of \$20,000.00 per year from JSD's General Fund.

Track Record/Monitor

The program will be monitored by Juvenile Services Department supervisory personnel.

Background

In an effort to assist at-risk or juvenile justice-involved youth with costs to attend accredited colleges, universities, technical schools, vocational schools, or trade schools, JSD will offer scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 to 13 current and former Diversion or Prevention Program clients. Scholarships will be available to youth between the ages of 16 – 20.

This program provides another mechanism for JSD to invest in children's educational and career goals. Scholarships may incentivize youth to participate in JSD programs, such as the Diversion or Prevention Programs or the Anti-Violence Initiative, which includes the Group Violence Intervention Program. Scholarships may be used to alleviate some of the financial challenges with tuition, housing, or books.

A JSD scholarship is an opportunity for a child to change a minor lapse in judgment into a positive experience through targeted interventions and a wide-ranging support system. JSD's mission is to provide a continuum of comprehensive services that focus on protecting, empowering, and building resiliency in youth and families. Last year, 271 youth, ages 17 and older, completed JSD diversion or prevention programming.



Morris Copeland
Chief Community Services Officer




MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 21, 2023

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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6-21-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 FOR THE PROGRAM DURING FY 2022-2023; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO AWARD ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS COMMENCING IN FY 2023-2024, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00 EACH YEAR FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Approves the foregoing recital, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Approves the Juvenile Services Department ("JSD") Scholarship Program. Scholarships will be awarded to youth between the ages of 16 and 20 who (1) are current or former JSD clients and (2) have completed the JSD Prevention or Diversion Programs or the Anti-Violence Initiatives, including the Group Violence Intervention, within the previous 12 months. Scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors or eligible individuals who submit applications within one year of graduation from an accredited high school or GED Program. The program is intended to assist at-risk and juvenile justice-involved youth, including children of incarcerated parents, or those with a dependency history with some of the costs of higher education. Scholarship funds shall be paid directly to accredited colleges, universities, technical schools,

vocation schools, or trade schools on behalf of the award recipients. The informational flyer and application for the Juvenile Services Department Scholarship Program shall be in substantially the forms attached hereto and incorporated herein, respectively, as Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

Section 3. Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to award up to \$20,000.00, allocated in the FY 2022-2023 budget, in scholarships through the Juvenile Services Department Scholarship Program. During FY 2022-2023, scholarships in the amount of \$1,500.00 will be awarded to 13 youth.

Section 4. Commencing in FY 2023-2024 and subject to available funding, authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to award additional scholarships in the amount of \$1,500.00 each to eligible youth, as described and for the purposes set forth in section 2, for a period of five years in a total amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 each year.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner ,
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Kevin Marino Cabrera	Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Eileen Higgins
Kionne L. McGhee	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of June, 2023. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Shanika A. Graves

Scholarship Program Informational Flyer

Background

The Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department's (JSD) mission is to provide a continuum of comprehensive services that focus on protecting, empowering, and building resiliency in children and families. JSD will offer \$1,500 scholarships to assist at-risk and arrested youth who complete JSD programming to alleviate some barriers to attending an accredited college, university, technical school, vocational school, or trade school. JSD is optimistic that scholarships will incentivize youth to participate in its programming.

The purpose of the program is to increase protective factors in youths' lives by contributing to their educational goals and facilitating pathways to success. Protective factors include positive attitudes, enriching social connections, parental support, good school performance and other positive attributes that support families. Protective factors are vital in reducing youths' likelihood to engage in problem behaviors. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Model Program Literature review on Protective Factors Against Delinquency states, "[t]he basic premise is that the more assets youths can access in their environments (e.g., family, school, peers, and community), the less likely they are to engage in negative behavior, even when exposed to risk." JSD is extending the network of services it offers to at-risk youth through the Scholarship Program, which is intended to ease the financial burden associated with the costs of higher education.

Eligibility Requirements

Clients who complete a JSD Diversion or Prevention Program within one year of their application are eligible to receive one-time scholarships. High school seniors or youth who submit applications within one (1) year of graduation may apply for scholarships. Scholarship awards will be dispersed directly to the recipients' schools of choice upon evidence of full-time enrollment.

The Scholarship Selection Committee—JSD staff, juvenile justice partners, and members of the Miami-Dade Youth Commission—will review application packages and select awardees. All applications must be submitted by July 31, 2023. Call 305-755-6237 with questions on the program or application process.

Requirements:

- At-risk and juvenile justice-involved youth, including children of incarcerated parents, and/or those with a dependency history completing a JSD diversion or prevention program within 12 months of the application submittal
- Aged 16-20 at the time of the application submittal
- High school senior or recent graduate within one (1) year of application from an accredited high school or GED Program- official transcript or copy of diploma required
- Acceptance letter from a college, university, or technical/vocational school/trade school
- Proof of residency in Miami-Dade County (State ID, Driver's License, or High School ID)

Application submittal process

- Complete and sign the scholarship application
- Provide required documentation
- Submit essay with application
- Completed applications may be emailed to JSD@miamidade.gov or mailed or hand-delivered to:
Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department
275 NW 2nd Street, 2nd Floor, Miami, FL 33128
Attn: JSD Scholarship Program



Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department
Scholarship Program Application

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: July 31, 2023

Select one post-secondary institution classification for the Fall (August) 2023 semester:

☐ Undergraduate ☐ Technical/Trade/Vocational School

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt#: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Date Of Birth: _____ ☐ Female ☐ Male

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name of institution planning to attend: _____
(Proof of enrollment/registration at an accredited, post-secondary institution is required before scholarship funds can be awarded.)

College/Technical School Student ID: _____ ☐ Full time ☐ Part time

Major or Field of Study: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Have you participated in Dual Enrollment classes? ☐ Yes ☐ No

List college attended: _____ Credits Earned: _____



Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department Scholarship Program Application

List of community activities, volunteer, internship, or work experiences. (Attach a separate sheet of paper if needed.)

List special honors or awards received. (Attach a separate sheet of paper if needed.)

I CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS CORRECT:

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian signature required if applicant is a minor)



Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department Scholarship Program Application

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible youth must:

- Be between 16 – 20 years of age;
- Have completed a JSD Diversion or Prevention program or the Anti-Violence Initiatives, including Group Violence Intervention within 1 year of application submittal; and
- Be at-risk or Juvenile justice-involved which may include children of incarcerated parents, and/or those with a dependency history completing a JSD diversion or prevention program within one (1) year of application submittal.
- Be high school seniors or graduated from an accredited high school or GED Program within one year of application submittal.
- Provide an official transcript or copy of diploma.

Required Documents

Applications must include a copy of the following documents.

- Proof of residency in Miami-Dade County (State ID, Driver's License, or Passport);
- Social Security card of applicant.
- Acceptance letter from a college/university, or technical/vocational school/trade school;
- An essay, between 1 and 2 pages, typed in 12-point font (Times New Roman) that is responsive to the following questions:
 - What are your future personal and professional goals, including career plans?
 - What would you like to study in college/vocational/trade school and why?
 - How do you feel your life experiences has prepared you for higher education?

Application Submittal Process

The application is available on JSD's website, www.miamidade.gov/global/juvenileservices/home.page, or can be provided by a JSD Case Manager. Please call 305-755-6237 with questions regarding the program or application process.

Individuals must:

- Complete and sign the scholarship application;
- Provide required supporting documentation;
- Submit essay with application;
- Submit completed application, required documentation, and essay (application package) via email, U.S. Mail or hand delivery as follows:

[Email: JSD@miamidade.gov](mailto:JSD@miamidade.gov)

Hand-deliver or U.S. Mail:

Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department
275 NW 2nd Street, 2nd Floor
Miami, FL 33128
Attn: JSD Scholarship Program

- The deadline to submit the application package is July 31, 2023. Documents transmitted via U.S. Mail must be postmarked, hand-delivered documents must be stamped, and emails must be dated by and no later than July 31, 2023.