



Communitas is currently seeking candidates for our scholarship to support the post-secondary education of students whose parents are or have previously been incarcerated.

Communitas is a Montreal based registered charity dedicated to supporting prisoners and ex-prisoners during their reintegration. We use the principles of Restorative Justice to build relationships that support (ex-)prisoners as they face the challenges of returning to community. Research has shown the negative effects of parental incarceration on a child's educational prospects¹, and we hope that by facilitating access to education for the children of (ex-)prisoners the negative impact of crime and its consequences will be reduced.

Eligibility criteria: Canadian citizens or permanent residents pursuing post-secondary education in any field at a Canadian university or college who has or has had one or more of their parents incarcerated in a Canadian penitentiary.

Selection criteria: Candidates will be evaluated on (1) their academic record, (2) community contributions, and (3) the impact that receiving a scholarship would have on the candidate's education. We strongly encourage all eligible candidates to apply.

Value: The value of the scholarship for the 2018-2019 year will be \$1300 CAD.

Deadline to apply: Applications for the scholarship will be accepted until 23:59 Eastern Time on February 28, 2019.

What to include in your application: Interested and eligible students should send the following information to Communitas for consideration:

1. A cover letter introducing yourself and clearly explaining how you meet the eligibility and selection criteria
2. A current copy of your school transcript
3. A current proof of enrolment from your school
4. Contact information to allow the selection committee to follow up with you as needed

How to apply: Applications, including all required documents in .pdf format, should be e-mailed to [assistant\[at\]communitasmontreal.org](mailto:assistant@communitasmontreal.org) by the deadline. Any questions about the application process can be sent by e-mail to the same address.

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¹See e.g. Rebecca J Shlafer et al, "Children with Incarcerated Parents: Considering Children's Outcomes in the Context of Family Experiences" (2013) Children's Mental Health eReview.