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Chiefs, Sheriffs, and Agency Heads:

The N.C. Criminal Justice Fellows Program (CJFP) is recruiting for the 2020 class of Fellows. The CJFP can help your agency with *recruitment and retention* by providing forgivable educational loans for high school graduates and seniors who agree to enter an eligible criminal justice profession in an eligible county in N.C.

Recruitment and Retention

The CJFP gives eligible high school graduates and seniors living in eligible counties at the time of application *an incentive to go into the criminal justice profession* by providing forgivable educational loans for an Associates Degree from any N.C. Community College. Those who receive this educational loan would have 5 years to repay, though it would be forgiven if they *enter and remain in a criminal justice profession within N.C. for 4 years* in an eligible county. The types of jobs that the Fellows *must* go into include: state and local sworn law-enforcement officers, state correctional officers, sworn sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, detention officers, state juvenile justice officers, telecommunicators under the direct supervision of a law enforcement agency and other correctional officers maintained by local governments and juvenile justice agencies.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the CJFP, an individual must be a high school graduate or senior, live in an eligible county, agree to go to work in an eligible profession and county, and must not be charged with a crime that would make them ineligible to work in the criminal justice profession.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for high school graduates and seniors in your community that have exhibited high academic achievement, a history of service to the school and community, and a desire to serve the state of N.C. in a field within the criminal justice profession.

Please tell high school graduates and seniors in your county to apply to the CJFP. **The application opening date is November 1st, 2019 and the closing date is May 31st, 2020.** The application and additional information can be found online at ncdoj.gov. Enclosed with this letter is a flyer and brochure about the program.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Erica Reid
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Criminal Justice Fellows Program Manager

Criminal Justice Professionals

- ◆ State and local sworn law-enforcement officers.
- ◆ State correctional officers.
- ◆ State juvenile justice officers.
- ◆ Other correctional officers maintained by local governments, and juvenile justice agencies.
- ◆ Sworn Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs.
- ◆ Detention Officers.
- ◆ Telecommunicators under the direct supervision of a law enforcement agency.



Fellowship

- ⇒ Provide 100 fellowships annually for students to attend a NC community college that are interested in a criminal justice profession.
- ⇒ The student must receive their Associates Degree.
- ⇒ Students that receive the fellowship will have five years to repay the loan once receiving their Associates Degree.
- ⇒ The loan will be forgiven if the student enters a criminal justice profession in an eligible county in North Carolina and works for four years.

Application Process

- ⇒ The application process will open on November 1st and will close on May 31st of each year.
- ⇒ The application can be located on the Department of Justice website; www.ncdoj.gov.
- ⇒ Applicants will be notified of their selection of a fellowship no later than June 1st of each year.

Every Applicant Must Submit:

- SAT / ACT Scores
- GPA
- School and Community Service / Activities.
- Potential for excellence in a criminal justice profession.
- References: Teachers, Counselors, School Resource Officers, Police Chiefs, Sheriffs, Criminal Justice Professionals, etc.

Total Value of Fellowship

1st Semester Tuition		\$1,216.00
(\$76.00 per credit hour * 16 hours)		
1st Semester Fees		\$60.00
1st Semester Books/Required Items		\$300.00
		<u>\$1576.00</u>
2nd Semester Tuition		\$1216.00
(\$76.00 per credit hour * 16 hours)		
2nd Semester Fees		\$60.00
2nd Semester Books/Required Items		\$300.00
		<u>\$1576.00</u>
	Total	<u><u>\$3,152.00</u></u>

Eligible Counties

Alexander,	Haywood, Hertford,	Rutherford,
Alleghany, Anson,	Hoke, Hyde,	Sampson,
Ashe, Avery,	Jackson, Jones,	Scotland, Stanly,
Beaufort, Bertie,	Lee, Lenoir,	Stokes, Surry,
Bladen, Camden,	McDowell, Macon,	Swain,
Carteret, Caswell,	Madison, Martin,	Transylvania,
Chatham,	Mitchell,	Tyrrell, Vance,
Cherokee, Chowan,	Montgomery,	Warren,
Clay, Columbus,	Northampton,	Washington,
Currtuck, Dare,	Pamlico,	Watauga, Wilkes,
Davie, Duplin,	Pasquotank,	Yadkin, Yancey
Edgecombe,	Pender,	
Franklin, Gates,	Perquimans,	
Graham, Granville,	Person, Polk,	
Greene, Halifax,	Richmond,	

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An applicant must reside in an eligible county at the time of application.

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Upon completion of their degree, the applicant must be employed as a criminal justice professional in an eligible county.

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The applicant must not have been convicted of a felony or any crime as outlined within the course guide.

MISSION

The mission of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Fellows Program is to recruit talented high school seniors and graduates into the criminal justice profession. Each year this program will fund fellowships for scholars who have exhibited high academic achievement, a history of service to the school and community, and a desire to serve the state of North Carolina in a field within the criminal justice profession.



www.ncdoj.gov/About-DOJ/Law-Enforcement-Training-and-Standards/Criminal-Justice-Fellows-Program.aspx

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The Program Manager will be responsible for all administrative duties and oversight of the program.



North Carolina Criminal Justice Fellows Program



Steven G. Combs
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE FELLOWS PROGRAM



**High school senior or graduate
looking for a career in the
criminal justice field?**

**Wanting to have a positive impact
on your local community?**

The Criminal Justice Fellows Program can aid you in achieving your goal of becoming a criminal justice professional. We are here to offer you a **100% forgivable loan** to go to any North Carolina Community College to acquire an **Associates Degree**. The loan will be forgiven upon 4 years of working in an eligible profession and county.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS WILL OPEN NOVEMBER 1



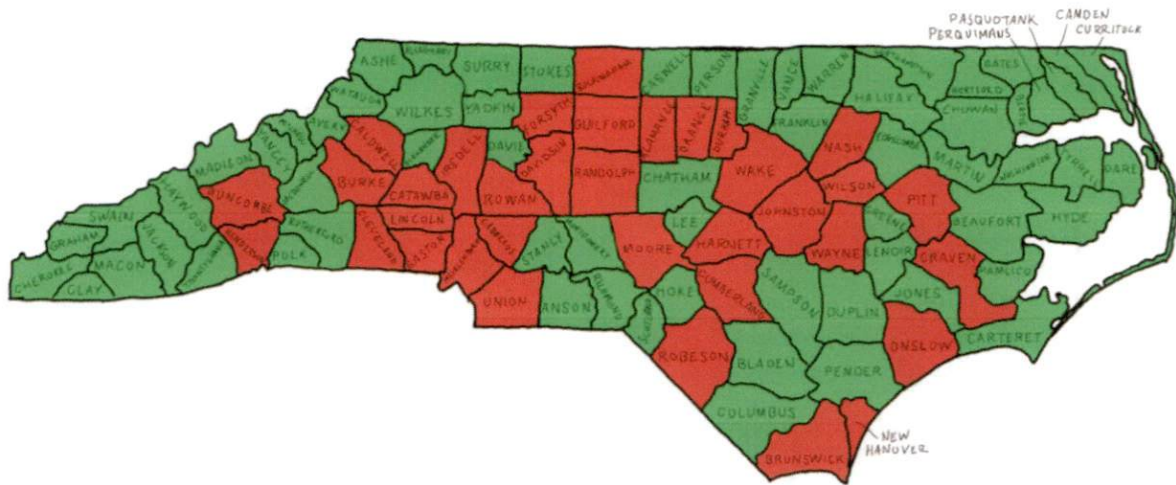
THE APPLICATION PROCESS WILL CLOSE MAY 31

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Full eligibility requirements, forms and FAQ listed
@ <http://ncdoj.gov/About-DOJ/Law-Enforcement-Training-and-Standards/Criminal-Justice-Fellows-Program.aspx>



Eligible Counties

Alexander,
 Alleghany, Anson,
 Ashe, Avery,
 Beaufort, Bertie,
 Bladen, Camden,
 Carteret, Caswell,
 Chatham,
 Cherokee,
 Chowan, Clay,
 Columbus,
 Currituck, Dare,
 Davie, Duplin,
 Edgecombe,
 Franklin, Gates,
 Graham,
 Granville, Greene,
 Halifax, Haywood,

Hertford, Hoke,
 Hyde, Jackson,
 Jones, Lee
 Lenoir, McDowell,
 Macon, Madison,
 Martin, Mitchell,
 Montgomery,
 Northampton,
 Pamlico,
 Pasquotank,
 Pender,
 Perquimans,
 Person, Polk,
 Richmond,
 Rutherford,
 Sampson,
 Scotland, Stanly,

Stokes, Surry,
 Swain,
 Transylvania,
 Tyrrell, Vance,
 Warren,
 Washington,
 Watauga, Wilkes,
 Yadkin, & Yancey