

Criminal Justice Fellows Program Overview

Who can apply?

The Criminal Justice Fellows Program is open to high school seniors and graduates seeking an Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice or other Committee approved related field of study. Applicants must reside in, attend a community college in, and intend to enter an eligible criminal justice profession in North Carolina.

What is needed to apply?

Applicants interested in the Criminal Justice Fellows Program can visit www.ncdoj.gov/cjfellows or email cjfellows@ncdoj.gov to obtain an application packet. In addition to a completed application, applicants must also submit unofficial high school transcripts, SAT and/or ACT scores, two (2) references, a copy of their driver's license or government issued ID, and AOC records checks from all counties they have resided in or may have been charged in.

Where should applications be sent?

Completed applications and accompanying documents may be submitted by email, fax, or mail to the addresses below:

Email: cjfellows@ncdoj.gov

Mailing Address:

Criminal Justice Fellows Program

P.O. Box Drawer 149

Fax: (919) 779-8210

Raleigh, NC 27602-0149

When is the deadline?

The application process for the Criminal Justice Fellows Program opens annually on September 1st and closes on April 30th. Selection is ongoing and applicants are encouraged to apply early. Completed applications and all accompanying documents must be received by the April 30th cutoff date. If submitting an application packet via mail, applicants should make sure to mail it early enough to be received by April 30th as we use the date received and not the postmarked date.

Why should you apply to be a Fellow?

The Fellowship can help you to achieve your educational and professional goals by providing funds for tuition, fees, and textbooks and supplies. The maximum fellowship value per student for one academic year (two semesters) is **\$3,152.00**. Maximum values are as follows:

Fall Tuition (16+ hours)	\$1,216.00	Spring Tuition (16+ hours)	\$1,216.00
Fall Fees	\$60.00	Spring Fees	\$60.00
Fall Books/Required Items	<u>\$300.00</u>	Spring Books/Required Items	<u>\$300.00</u>
	Total \$1,576.00		Total \$1,576.00

The total value of the fellowship over two years is **\$6,304.00**. Tuition, fees, books, and items beyond these listed values per semester/over the course of their program are the responsibility of the student. The Fellowship will not pay for courses being retaken due to the student having previously failed or dropped the course.

How will applications be reviewed?

Applications will be reviewed based on five (5) criteria: scholastic profile, writing ability, school and community service, references, and potential for excellence in an eligible criminal justice profession. Applications are reviewed by the Program Manager in the order that they are received and presented to the Committee at each quarterly Committee meeting for selection and admission into the program. Questions about the Criminal Justice Fellows Program, the application process or the selection process may be emailed to the Program Manager at cjfellows@ncdoj.gov.