



Reentry Award Application

The Center for Improving Youth Justice (CIYJ) Reentry Award was established in 2016 to support young people as they return to living in the community. Recipients are given a gift card to purchase clothes, household items and other necessities to ease their reentry transition.

Applications for the 2024 Reentry Award will be accepted during national Youth Justice Action Month, Oct. 1-31, 2024. Recipients will be notified in November. Recipients will be awarded a \$500 gift card to a major department store, which will be sent to staff to deliver. Receipts should be sent back to CIYJ. Award money cannot be used to reimburse an expense already incurred. Please direct questions to the Performance-based Standards Help Desk help@improvingyouthjustice.org.

After years of reading about the tremendous need for this kind of support in applications for the various CIYJ awards, we established the Education and Employment Foundation in 2019, specifically to raise awareness and money to support as many young people involved in youth justice systems as possible. Each application helps us to do so. Thank you in advance.

Eligibility:

All young people leaving programs and facilities participating in Performance-based Standards are eligible to apply if the following criteria are met:

- The applicant is scheduled or expected to be released from a participating facility or participating community supervision site between the dates of Oct. 1, 2024 – Dec. 31, 2024.
- A completed application including this application form, the essay and questionnaire form, a copy of the applicant's reentry or case management plan and a staff recommendation is submitted by Oct. 31, 2024.

Contact Information:

Applicant Name: _____

Expected Release Date: _____

Facility Name: _____

Facility Address: _____

Staff Sponsor Name and Title: _____

Staff E-mail Address: _____

Staff Telephone: _____

Applicant's Parent/Guardian Contact Information (as appropriate):

Applicant's Consent:

I allow this application to be submitted on my behalf. _____

I allow CIYJ to use my words and/or shared photos for use. _____

Essay and Questionnaire

Please explain how this award will help support your transition. What will you use the money for and why are those items important for your success? (250 words or less) Please fill out the brief questionnaire that follows the prompt. *Please upload as a separate document.*

Reentry or Case Management Plan

Please include a copy of the applicant's reentry or case management plan. The examples are used to help us better understand the needs, strategies and opportunities to support reentry for young people and will be kept anonymous.

Staff Recommendation

Please include at least one letter of support from a staff member explaining how this award will help ease the applicant's transition back to community life, in 250 words or less.

Please upload completed materials online:

<https://improvingyouthjustice.org/reentry-award-upload>

1. Application form
2. Essay and Questionnaire form
3. Applicant's reentry or case management plan
4. Staff recommendation

Will You Help Us Give More Young People a Second Chance?

We need your help in collecting photos and stories to show how this award can make a difference in the lives of young people leaving juvenile justice agencies.

If possible, we are asking for photos of the shopping trip to help raise awareness. They can be completely anonymous.

Follow up Survey for \$100

Additionally, if selected as a Reentry Award recipient and are willing to complete a reentry survey six months after release, CIYJ will send you an additional \$100.

Thank you!