

# The Joey Lee Garmon Undergraduate Multicultural Student Experience Scholarship

*Deadline Date for Application: Friday, Oct. 25th, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.*

<b>Name</b>	This scholarship, known as the Joey Lee Garmon Undergraduate Multicultural Student Scholarship, will be awarded in the amount of \$700.
<b>Biography</b>	<p>Joey Lee Garmon, an African American male, was born August 20, 1947, in a predominately European American community. In this setting, it was not uncommon to have teachers and students engage in racial abuses in the classroom. When a person from a different racial/ethnic background walked down the street, he/she was often met with racial harassment. In addition, there was overt discrimination in seeking employment as a person of color.</p> <p>Within this community, Joey Lee Garmon was unable to find sensitive nurturing of his cultural identity in either the school system or in the community. Like so many young people in desperate and hopeless situations, Joey Lee Garmon gave up on himself and turned to drugs. On August 30, 1972, at the age of 24, he committed suicide.</p>
<b>Scholarship Eligibility</b>	<p><b>The applicant of the scholarship must meet the following criteria in order to receive the scholarship:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Joy Lee Garmon Undergraduate Student Scholarship is directed toward students who have experienced oppression based on their race or ethnicity and who have a strong record and motivation to pursue social justice activism because of their experience. Applicants may be of any race/ ethnic group.</li><li>2. Applicants should be currently enrolled at Kansas State University as a fulltime undergraduate student and must be enrolled as a fulltime undergraduate at Kansas State University while receiving the award.</li><li>3. Applicants must complete an application.</li><li>4. Applicants must complete submit an essay that discusses how oppression has affected them as individuals and how it has led them to pursue social justice promotion.</li><li>5. Students must provide ONE letter of reference. Reference letter should validate the applicant's academic and leadership achievements and should verify that the applicant is successfully progressing toward graduation.</li><li>6. A copy of the applicant's academic transcript must be included <u>with</u> the application.</li><li>7. Submit the Release of Information Form signed and dated by the applicant.</li></ol>
<b>Eligibility Notification</b>	<p><b>If the applicant does not submit all of the above information, the applicant will not be considered eligible for the scholarship.</b></p>
<b>Selection and Time Line</b>	<p>The recipient will be chosen by a scholarship committee of university representatives. The applicants will be informed by email of the award selection.</p> <p>The scholarship will be awarded for spring semester and the check will be made to Kansas State University for a tuition stipend.</p>



**\* Applicants must write a two-page essay reflecting on:**

- How racial or ethnic oppression has affected you as individual and how it has led you to pursue social justice activism.

Please attach your essay document along with this application.

*Applicants must sign a Release of Information form (included with this application) so the scholarship committee can verify student financial assistance and employment income.*

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All applicants will be notified as to the status of their application via email.

**Release of Information**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give the Joey Lee Garmon Scholarship Committee permission to verify financial assistance with the Office of Student Financial Assistance and to check on sources of income obtained from employment.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

Return Completed Application to:

Student Belonging and Inclusion  
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