# JLI SCHOLAR PROGRAM APPLICATION

The John Lewis Institute for Social Justice (JLISJ) seeks to empower a new generation of leaders to follow his call to build a better and more just world, one that is marked by hope and focused on liberation. In doing so, we find hope and strength in his efforts, voiced in the language of justice and lived in a life of service. Our collective work is designed to create intellectual and civic spaces to allow for a deeper understanding of the roots of injustice, while also fostering and nurturing efforts to eliminate it. We encompass the issues of all people and seek to work for the oneness of humanity. We take as our mandate Rep. John Lewis' observation and challenge that, "ordinary people with extraordinary vision can redeem the soul of America."

**GOALS:**

* Develop social justice leaders and activists.
* Engage with the campus and the communities around CCSU.
* Foster civic engagement and social change.

## CRITERIA:

* Must be a matriculated CCSU full or part-time student.
* May have a no less than a cumulative 2.5 GPA.
* Must be interested in: public service, community engagement, and social justice.
* Students must be able to fulfill all commitments, including attending and completing coursework, participating in campus and community activities, and serving as a campus JLI representative.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply, email the following to Dr. Juan Coronado (jdcoronado@ccsu.edu) and Dr. Candace Wallace (candace.wallace@ccsu.edu). Include the subject line: John Lewis Institute Scholar Application. Applications should be received no later than August 1, 2025.

1. Completed application (see below).
2. A short personal statement about why are you interested in the JLI Scholar program? What issues of social justice are you most passionate about?

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Name:

Address:

City State

Cell Phone Number: Email:

Student ID Major

Minor (if any): Years at CCSU:

GPA:

Personal Statement

# THE JOHN LEWIS INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REFERENCE LETTER

Thank you for providing this student with a reference to become a John Lewis Scholar of the John Lewis Institute for Social Justice at Central Connecticut State University. The scholar will learn how to advocate for social justice embedded in the philosophy of nonviolence as practiced by Representative John Lewis.

Recommendation letters should address the following:

* How long have you known the applicant? In which capacity did you know the applicant?
* Please indicate the applicant’s commitment to social justice and community change.
* What distinguishes this applicant from others?
* What is your assessment of the applicant’s ability to commit to the Scholar program?

Your Name:

Name of Applicant:

Please describe the applicant.