

**Cook County Equity Cohort Fellowship Application**

**Instructions:** Thank you for your interest in being a community fellow in Cook County’s Equity Cohort. Please fill out this application and submit to ***Wynetta Scales*** by ***November 07, 2022***. If you would prefer to answer the questions portion via a video or audio submission, please submit your responses to ***Wynetta Scales***at by ***JAC.Info@cookcountyil.gov*** Video/audio submissions should be no longer than ***three* minutes**

**Eligibility:** Selected community fellows will have lived experience with the criminal justice system. They will be a resident of either Austin, North Lawndale, East/West Garfield Park, Englewood, or the South Suburbs (Harvey, Ford Heights, and Dolton). A willingness to work with their community and with criminal justice system actors will also be essential. A stipend paid on a biweekly basis as an independent contractor over the course of the one-year program totaling $10,000. Given your ongoing participation and completion of the program. Finally, selected fellows would be able to commit up to

**10-*15* hours per week** during regular business hours (Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm with weekend flexibility).

**Mission and Vision**: The mission of Cook County’s Safety and Justice Challenge Equity Cohort is to decrease systematic racism and promote equity. Our goal is to address inequities across each Cook County criminal justice agency including the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, Cook County Public Defender’s Office, Cook County Sheriff’s Office, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and the Office of the Chief Judge Circuit Court of Cook County.

Incorporating the voices of those who have been directly impacted by using an equity framework to identify and address points throughout our systems that can empower individuals and communities.

The vision of Cook County’s Safety and Justice Challenge Equity Cohort is to use the collaborative experiences of justice impacted individuals, community organizations, and representatives of Cook County’s criminal justice system agencies to create equitable outcomes for marginalized people of color. “**To amplify public safety and encourage successful community reintegration through education, treatment, and active participation in rehabilitative and invigorating justice programs.**” We envision this fellowship as a shared learning experience that equips those who have been impacted by the criminal justice system with knowledge, courage, and leadership skills to advance equitable reform

Please return this completed application to:

**The Cook County Justice Advisory Council**

***Wynetta Scales***

69 W. Washington, Suite 1410

Chicago, IL 60602

OR

Via email to:

***JAC.Info@cookcountyil.gov***

**Applicant Information**

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| **Name:** Click or tap here to enter text. | **Date of Birth:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Preferred Pronouns (ex. he/him, she/her, they/them):** Click or tap here to enter text. | **Phone:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Email:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Home Address:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Occupation/Employer (if applicable):** Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Application Questions**

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| 1. How would you describe yourself?

Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. How would you describe your lived experience with incarceration and the criminal justice system? *If preferred, you may answer this question with a video or audio clip that is no longer than* ***180 seconds.***

Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. Have you worked with any organizations or other ways that helped your community? Please describe your involvement and the types of activities you participated in.

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| 1. Are there any barriers to your participation that we could help support?

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| 1. What do you hope to get out of this experience?

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| 1. Were you a participant in any of the Safety Justice Dialogue sessions?

Click or tap here to enter text. |