



ORDINANCE NO. 385-2023

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF WILL)

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING THE JOLIET TOWNSHIP YOUTH EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP CONSISTENT WITH JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE'S 12 X 12 X 12 PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Joliet Township, Will County, State of Illinois (the "Township") is a duly organized and existing township and a unit of local government organized under the laws of the State of Illinois and is operating under the provisions of the Illinois Township Code, 60 ILCS 1/1-1, *et. seq.*, and all laws amendatory thereto; and

WHEREAS, Section 1/215-5 of the Township Code (60 ILCS 1/215-5) provides authority to Joliet Township to provide for programs that combat and prevent juvenile delinquency and to meet the needs of the local youth, and permits Joliet Township to cooperate with other governmental entities and other organizations to provide for such programs; and

WHEREAS, Joliet Junior College (hereinafter "JJC") established the 12 x 12 x 12 program designed for the local youth to obtain 12 college credits by 12th grade at \$12 per credit in an effort to increase the college-going rates of students from local high schools; and

WHEREAS, the JJC Foundation executive committee has committed \$500,000 to support the program (additional information of the 12 x 12 x 12 program is attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisor, Clerk, and Town Board Members find that it is in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare to establish a Youth Excellence Scholarship that expands on JJC's 12 x 12 x 12 program by providing Joliet Township resident students that have completed JJC's 12x12x12 program at any high school with four additional JJC credit hours to assist the Joliet Township youth with a more affordable education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Joliet Township, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals and findings are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. Joliet Township Youth Excellence Scholarship. The Joliet Township Board of Trustees hereby approves the Joliet Township Youth Excellence Scholarship, and authorizes the expenditure of money consistent with the scholarship terms set forth below.

A. **General Information.** The Joliet Township Youth Excellence Scholarship shall allow eligible candidates that have completed the JJC 12 x 12 x 12 program to receive a scholarship that pays for four (4) JJC credits per student beginning in the Fall semester in 2023. The scholarship shall be funded exclusively by direct payment from Joliet Township to JJC at the time of enrollment. The Joliet Township Youth Excellence Scholarship shall provide for no more than \$25,000.00, or as otherwise budgeted, in scholarship funding each fiscal year.

B. **Eligibility.** Candidates for the Joliet Township Youth Excellence Scholarship must (1) submit an application of a form provided by Joliet Township, (2) be a Joliet Township resident at the time of enrollment, and (3) completed JJC's 12 x 12 x 12 program.

Joliet Township is further authorized and permitted to provide for more detailed eligibility and application procedures and requirements to carry out the intent of this scholarship, as the Township administration determines.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and should any provision of this Ordinance be determined to be in conflict with any law, statute, or regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction, said provision shall be excluded and deemed inoperative, unenforceable, and as though not provided for herein, but such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and all other provisions shall remain unaffected, unimpaired, valid, and in full force and effect.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions, rules and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage and approval by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Joliet Township, Will County, State of Illinois due to the urgent nature of this matter.

PASSED this 14 day of MARCH, 2023


Alicia Morales, Township Clerk

APPROVED this 14 day of MARCH, 2023


Angel Contreras, Supervisor

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Cesar Escutia, Trustee	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Karl Ferrell, Trustee	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Suzanna Ibarra, Trustee	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Raymond F. Slattery, Trustee	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Angel Contreras, Supervisor	<u>X</u>	_____	_____