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Social Justice Works! The Aaronson Fund was created to honor the legacy of progressive education, to salute those who are continuing the struggle for a just and equitable society, and to provide financial support for high school graduates of the Cambridge Public Schools who are working for social justice in a variety of fields.

Now, in the spring of 2008, Social Justice Works (SJW) is launching its first grant program. SJW invites grant applications from high school graduates of the Cambridge Public Schools who are working to promote social justice and to build vibrant communities. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded on the basis of merit and vision.

All applicants must:

- 1) Be graduates of the Cambridge Public Schools, in either traditional or alternative high school programs.
- 2) Submit their application materials postmarked by June 25th, 2008 (see address below)
- 3) Currently work or volunteer in the nonprofit sector [501(C)(3)] or public sector.
- 4) Be involved in projects that directly advance and promote issues of social justice in one or more of the following areas:
 - * Public Education
 - * Conflict Resolution
 - * Disaster Recovery
 - * Environmental Protection
 - * Graphic and Performing Arts
 - * Health and Social Work
 - * Child Welfare
 - * Housing
 - * Public Law
 - * Peace Work
 - * Civic Participation
 - * Racial, Gender, Class, and Sexual Orientation Justice

Proposal Guidelines

- 1) Please provide at the top of your application:
 - a. Date of your proposal
 - b. Official name of your organization, or project name if different
 - c. Organization address and/or project location
 - d. Executive Director name
 - e. Your name, title and contact information (phone, email and fax)
 - f. Your graduation date from Cambridge Public Schools
 - g. Funding amount requested
- 2) Please provide a brief description of your organization or program and its mission. Describe previous projects that your organization has successfully developed and the specific results achieved. If this is a new 501(C)(3) organization, please provide evidence of the project's feasibility/likelihood of success.
- 3) Describe the need in your organization or program that this grant would support.
- 4) Explain who will benefit from this program or grant. If possible, please provide estimated numbers and demographics of the population you plan to reach.
- 5) Describe how you believe the organization or project addresses the mission of Social Justice Works.
- 6) If you are requesting general support, please describe how you measure your organization's success. If this is a request for project support, what criteria will you use to measure this project's progress or success?

Please also provide the following attachments:

- A document showing that your organization currently maintains a 501(c) (3) tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service
- Your organization's annual budget and a budget for the specific project, if applicable, including other funding sources you have received support from or to whom you are applying.
- A list of current board members and their affiliations
- Current brochures and/or annual report, including list of major donors

The recipients will be visited on site and editorial photographs will be taken and featured on the SJW website and at future events.

If you have questions about these guidelines, please email Ray Shurtleff at rfshurtleff@comcast.net or Judith Glaubman at glaubman.jude@gmail.com.

Applicants should mail four (4 copies) of their application materials, postmarked no later than June 25th, 2008, to: **Social Justice Works, P.O. Box 380362, Cambridge, MA 02238. We will acknowledge receipt by email.**