



# CCEF Education Versus Incarceration

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**Welcome to CCEF**

**WHAT WE ARE:**

Creative Corrections Education Foundation (CCEF) A not for profit 501 (c) (3) organizations.

**PURPOSE:**

To provide educational opportunities to disadvantaged children of incarcerated individuals through scholarships and other creative strategies, in hopes of supporting and enhancing the futures of those children who may not otherwise have other options or alternatives.

**THE FACTS:**

- The most recent report from the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) on incarcerated parents and their children, released in August 2008, found that slightly more than 1.7 million children under age 18 had a parent in state or federal prison, representing 2.3 percent of the total U.S. child population.
- The number of children with a father in prison increased from 881,500 in 1991 to more than 1.5 million in 2007, a 77 percent increase.
- During that time, the number of children with a mother in prison increased by 131 percent, from 63,900 to 147,400.
- Most prisoners had at least one child under age 18 (52 percent of state inmates and 63 percent of federal inmates).
- A large but unknown proportion of these children will engage in criminal activity. The American

Correctional Association (1990) reported that up to 50% of incarcerated juveniles have a parent who has been incarcerated.



There are 1.7 million children in the US with a parent in prison. There are 2.3 million individuals incarcerated in the US at a cost of 70 billion dollars per year. This cost does not include public assistance being provided as a result of incarceration. How many of the 1.7 million children will follow in their parents footsteps if educational assistance is not provided? As correctional professionals, I believe we can make a difference. Each kid we provide educational opportunities could be a kid not going to prison. We need your donations regardless of the amount to make this difference. If you are currently working in a correctional facility, we also need the donations of the inmate population. It's THEIR children we are helping. -Percy Pitzer



**CCEF seeking applicants today!**

The Creative Corrections Education Foundation was established to support equal opportunities for students whose parent and/or guardian is incarcerated/paroled. Decisions are based on overall assessment of your entire application. CCEF values diversity and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, or disability.



**Are you ready to apply?**

\* Provide evidence of Federal Pell Grant eligibility by submitting a copy of your most recent Student Aid Report resulting from your filing of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Assistance)

\*Parent/Guardian currently or previously incarcerated/parole

\* Must be enrolled full-time or admitted into an accredited college/university/technical institution

## Second Generation Criminals A Very Real Issue

### Former Warden Establishes Scholarships for Children of Prisoners

Beaumont, TX (July 26, 2012) ---  
 “Second generation crime is a very real trend,” says Percy Pitzer, a former warden who has just launched a Foundation to benefit children of an incarcerated or paroled parent or guardian. **According to the American Correctional Association up to 50% of incarcerated juveniles have a parent who is or has been incarcerated.**

Pitzer unveiled details of the newly formed Creative Corrections Education Foundation (CCEF) earlier this week at the American Correctional Association’s 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congress of Correction. It was announced that the Foundation will provide scholarships for college and vocational training to motivated students of the incarcerated. Pitzer also sponsored Miss America Laura Kaeppler’s attendance and speech at the conference. Miss Kaeppler’s platform is supporting and mentoring children of the incarcerated as she herself was a child of an incarcerated parent. Her platform and the Foundation’s purpose work well with one another, so future dealings are anticipated. The Foundation’s goal is to ‘stem the pattern of repeat behavior from parent to child, through educational opportunities’. Below are some facts regarding incarceration:

- **There are more than 2.4 million adults currently incarcerated in federal, state and county facilities across the United States.**
- **There are an additional 7 million adults on probation or parole.**

- **“Children too often follow in the footsteps of a parent who has committed a crime, and our goal is to give them a far better option,” said Pitzer who established CCEF with his wife Sununt.**

CCEF has a goal to provide forty scholarships in the \$1,000 to \$5,000 range during the first year. “We hope to surpass this number and build for years to come,” said Pitzer who spent his 35-year career in the corrections industry, including 25 years with the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) Federal Bureau of Prisons. Pitzer retired from the DOJ in 1998 while serving as warden at the United States Penitentiary in Beaumont, TX.

The Pitzers run a successful corrections consulting company, Creative Corrections, LLC, also based in Texas with a global client base. “This industry has been very good to us and we are committed to giving back and making a positive difference. It is my hope that others who have benefitted from the corrections industry, will also want to give back and support this cause.”

“We can have an impact on lowering crime rates and building safer communities by helping these students now,” said Pitzer.

Pitzer strongly believes that the overwhelming majority of incarcerated parents care about their children and will be a contributing factor toward the success of this program.

#### **ABOUT CCEF – Creative Corrections Education Foundation**

Based in Texas, CCEF was formed in 2012 and is an IRS approved 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization with the purpose of providing scholarships to children of incarcerated or paroled parents or guardians.

The organization’s website is:

<http://www.creativecorrectionseducationfoundation.org/>

Details for applying for the scholarships as well as making donations can be found on the website or by calling 409-861-2536.

“Donations are already coming in and I hope we have the ability to help many students, many families for many years to come,” said Pitzer.



## Scholarship Information:

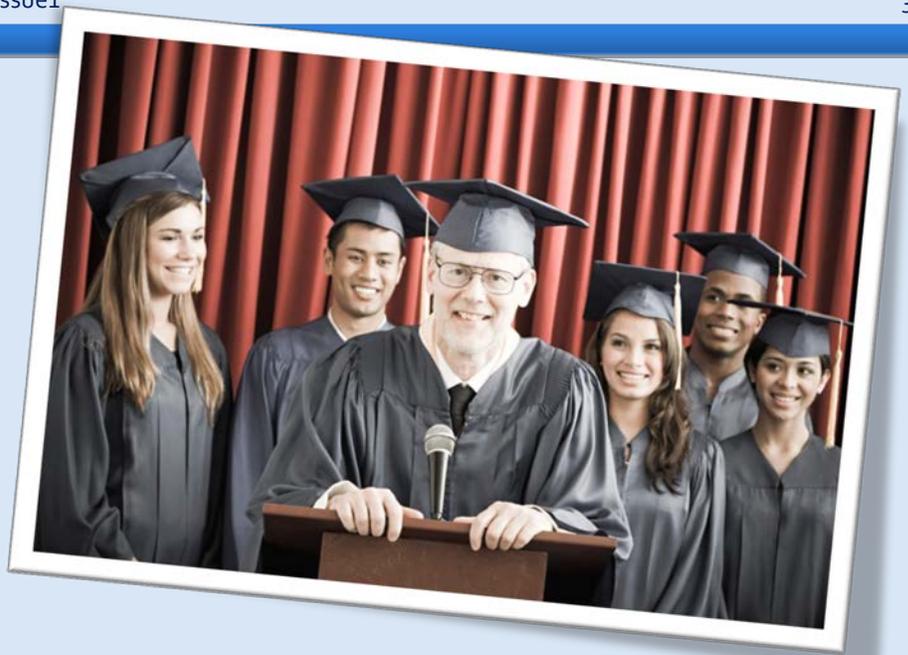
CCEF Undergraduate Scholarships: \$5,000 scholarship; \$1,000 scholarship

CCEF only supports those students who are enrolled full-time during the academic school year, and online courses are not permitted.

Applications will be on a first come first served basis, and based on the needs of each individual applicant.

Deadline: TBA

- ✓ *There are more than 2.4 million adults currently incarcerated in federal, state and county facilities across the United States.*
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**Channel 12 Interviews**  
**with News Anchor, Jackie Simien**  
CCEF Board President, Percy Pitzer,  
invited for interview with Jackie Simien,  
News Anchor Channel 12, Southeast



Texas Weekly, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNKiQYdEKzw>

### Channel 12 Interview with News

Anchor Mary Sturgil Creative Corrections Education Foundation founder and president of the board, Percy Pitzer.

See the interview on YouTube!



## In The News!

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- **Erica Flores**

## FAQ's

### DONOR QUESTIONS:

#### *Is my donation tax deductible?*

Yes, we are an IRS approved 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. You will receive a letter confirming your donation with the proper information for tax reporting.

#### *Is there a minimum donation required?*

No, all donations are welcomed.

#### *Can my donation be earmarked for a particular student or specific institution?*

We will work with a donor on an individual basis for specific student or institution requests.

#### *How should my check be made out?*

All donations should be made out to Creative Corrections Education Foundation.

## NAAWS

We are very pleased and honored to announce the North American Association of Wardens & Superintendents (NAAWS) has made a very generous donation to the CCEF. This was an unsolicited donation and we express our gratitude to NAAWS for this assistance. The funds will be used to support our efforts in providing scholarships to children of the incarcerated. We are confident others in the profession will follow the good example of NAAWS.

## What's Happening at CCEF

Trinity Broadcast Network (TBN) for SETX reaching into parts of Louisiana invited Percy for an interview; date & times of airing TBA, however will be in April.

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The TBN interviews covered topics pertaining to CCEF as well as Percy's views on prison reform; both of the Trinity interviews will reach into the various correctional institutions throughout the state of TX, and into LA. They will be aired on 5 different days, as well as at 5 different times.

Percy made a guest speaking appearance at the Press Club February 21

He also is making a guest speaking appearance for the SETX National Association of Black Journalist today, February 26, 2013

Percy was invited to appear as a guest at SETX Social Center on ClearChannel Radio Shelly Vitanza; the interview topics included CCEF as well as Percy's thoughts on Prison Reform, and will air on March 3, time TBA. This program is heard on both AM/FM channels.



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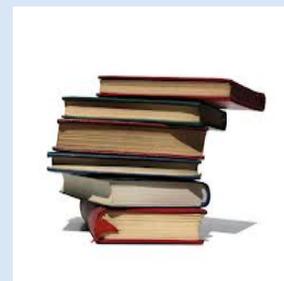


*The decision is easy,*



*and you can help....*

*"When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us." –Alexander Graham Bell*



CCEF's mission is to provide scholarships to children of incarcerated or paroled individuals who are interested in pursuing a vocational or university education. Education motivates these often forgotten children to reach their full potential, plan for a better future, and reduce their likelihood of being incarcerated during their lifetimes. CCEF scholarships aim to prevent second generation crime.

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## Congratulations Recent Scholarship Recipient!

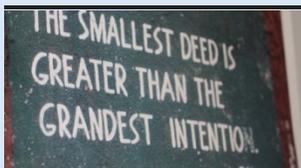
### Auntianna Feldt man!

Auntianna was selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship, December 21, 2012; she is a student at Langston University in Langston, OK. Auntianna plans to someday seek a career in law.



**Donate Now!**

***How*** you can make a difference: follow the link (Control/Right click your mouse on the RED, DONATE NOW! Hyperlink); choose an amount, or pick your own! *It's that easy! Let's help build better future for students in our community! We'll do it together!*



## Thank you for your generosity!