

## MUSE APPLICATION COVER PAGE

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NUMBER OF YEARS AT TCNJ: Six (6)

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TITLE OF PROJECT: Distributive Justice in End of Life Healthcare

NUMBER OF STUDENT COLLABORATORS: One (1)

APPROVAL BY IACUC OR IRB IS **NOT** NEEDED

## Summary of Distributive Justice in End of Life Healthcare

This MUSE 2011 project examines the problems of distributive justice in current end of life healthcare. Since medical care is often expensive and is limited to finite resources, questions arise when deciding how these resources shall be justly distributed. The particular question this project deals with is how the outcomes of policies of presumed consent in organ transplantation (in which persons are presumed to have consented to have their organs removed for transplantation unless they carry documentation explicitly stating otherwise) stand up to theories of distributive justice. By looking at the socioeconomic and ethnic background of those involved in presumed consent cases, it may be possible to identify recognizable patterns of distribution of one identifiable group from another. The gathering of empirical data will also be coupled with a proper investigation into the philosophical literature on distributive justice. Ultimately the results of the data will be evaluated in the context of the theoretical framework in order to assess any possible ethical problems that exist in this aspect of end of life medical care.

## **APPENDIX II: BUDGET.**

- a) Student stipend: \$2, 500 (one student)
- b) Student housing—NOT REQUESTED
- c) Faculty stipend: \$1,000
- d) Project related expenses: \$300

This will be used to purchase six (6) books for student with an approximate cost of \$40, together with \$60 of photocopying and printing expenses for academic articles, also for student use. The books will be retained by the student after the project is completed.

TOTAL: \$3, 800