



2019 Graduate Scholarship

The Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation (IPCDF) is offering educational scholarship opportunities to those pursuing a graduate degree at an accredited university in the fall of 2019. The applicant must be accepted and enrolled in a post-baccalaureate degree program.

The applicant must have permanent residency or attend school in the Bronzeville, Douglas, Washington Park, Grand Boulevard, Oakland, Kenwood, Hyde Park or Englewood community.

Scholarship Award

IPCDF will make a one-time award of \$4,500 to the recipient. The award checks will be made payable to the scholarship recipients and will be awarded upon proof of enrollment in spring of 2018. **Application materials are due Friday, April 5, 2019.**

Graduate Students

- A completed scholarship application and media release form
- Submission of a typed essay (500-700 words)

Essay Topic:

How has your undergraduate studies and/or institution prepared you for your graduate program? What are you looking to gain during the program and upon completion of your degree?

- Two letters of recommendation written during the current academic year (not dated before September 2018), addressed to IPCDF. One must be a character reference on official letterhead from a school official or a service organization with which you have volunteered. The second letter must be from an unrelated person of your choice.
- 3.5 Cumulative Grade Point Average or higher (unweighted)
- The most recent official transcript in a sealed envelope OR emailed directly to scholarships@ipcdf.org from the university with an official seal
- An acceptance letter on official letterhead from the four-year institution you will attend during the 2019-2020 academic year
- Proof of all community service hours performed during the previous year documented on official letterhead with contact information

Proof of permanent residency or school attendance in the Bronzeville, Douglas, Washington Park, Grand Boulevard, Oakland, Kenwood, Hyde Park or Englewood community

Submission Deadline All application packets must be received by **Friday, April 5, 2019.**

Email or mail applications and supporting materials to:

Scholarships@ipcdf.org

Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Committee – Graduate Scholarship
3473 S. King Drive, Suite 307
Chicago, IL 60616



2019 Graduate Scholarship Application

Please complete this form in its entirety. Information must be typed or printed directly on this form.

Required Information (Please Type or Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Best Contact Phone Number: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Gender: Male / Female (Please Circle)

Current School Name: _____

Curriculum/Major: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

List any Honors, Awards, or Extra-Curricular Activities:

List Community Service (activity and hours) and attach documentation:

How did you hear about our scholarship? _____

Have you previously applied for our scholarship? Yes/ No (Please Circle)

Application Review Process:

Completed applications and all supporting materials must be received by 11:59pm CST on **Friday, April 5, 2019**, to be considered. Incomplete or late submissions will automatically be disqualified. Scholarship recipients will be notified in Spring 2018 and will be asked to submit a current professional headshot and biography. Scholarship recipients shall receive award checks after remitting proof of enrollment for the 2019-2020 academic year.



2019 Graduate Scholarship Checklist

Utilize this checklist to ensure your application packet is complete. Late or incomplete submissions will be disqualified. Return this checklist with your application packet. The information below also serves as general guidelines to assist applicants in understanding the review criteria.

1. _____ A completed scholarship application and media release form

2. _____ A typed essay (500-700 words)

Essay Topic:

What is your intended major? What is the most important issue facing that industry today and how will you effect change in that area?

The essay will be assessed on the following:

- Adherence to essay topic
- Favorable essay characteristics, such as compelling, interesting and engaging
- Spelling and grammar

3. _____ Two recommendation letters written during the current academic year (not dated before September 2018)

- One must be a character reference on official letterhead from a school official or a service organization with which you have volunteered
- The second letter must be from a non-related person of your choice

4. _____ A cumulative 3.5 Grade Point Average or higher

5. _____ The most recent official transcript from a four-year college or university in a sealed envelope OR emailed directly to scholarships@ipcdf.org from the college/university with an official seal

6. _____ Proof of all community service performed during the last 12 months. At minimum, proof of participation in one activity in the last 12 months (on an organization's letterhead).

7. _____ Proof of permanent residency or school attendance in the Bronzeville, Douglas, Washington Park, Grand Boulevard, Oakland, Kenwood, Hyde Park or Englewood community



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AND PARENTAL CONSENT**

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Photographs and videotaped comments

Signed: _____

Date: _____