



## **2019 Tau Mu Chapter Scholarship**

The Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation (IPCDF) is offering educational scholarship opportunities to members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated–Tau Mu Chapter to assist them with achieving their educational goals. The applicant must be a current active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated –Tau Mu Chapter.

### **Scholarship Award**

IPCDF will make a one-time award of \$1,500 to the recipient. The award check will be made payable to the scholarship recipient and will be awarded upon providing proof of enrollment for the 2019-2020 academic year. **Application materials are due Friday, April 5, 2019.**

### **Tau Mu Chapter Members**

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

### **Essay Topic:**

The 2018-2022 International Program theme for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is Exemplifying Excellence through Sustainable Service. The five target areas are 1) HBCU For Life: A Call to Action 2) Women's Healthcare and Wellness 3) Building Your Economic Legacy 4) The Arts! and 5) Global Impact. Choose one of the program targets and design a program that supports it.

- Two letters of recommendation written during the current academic year (not dated before September 2018), addressed to IPCDF. One letter 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.
- 3.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average or higher
- The most recent official transcript in a sealed envelope OR emailed directly to [scholarships@ipcdf.org](mailto:scholarships@ipcdf.org) from DePaul University with an official seal.
- Proof of all community service hours performed during the last 12 months.

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

**Email or mail** applications and supporting materials to:

[Scholarships@ipcdf.org](mailto:Scholarships@ipcdf.org)

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



## 2019 Tau Mu Chapter 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Curriculum/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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### **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 2019 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 Tau Mu Chapter Scholarship Application 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 Tau Mu Chapter 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:**

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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 an unrelated person of your choice

4. \_\_\_\_\_ A cumulative 3.0 Grade Point Average or higher

5. \_\_\_\_\_ The most recent official transcript from DePaul University in a sealed envelope OR emailed directly to [scholarships@ipcdf.org](mailto:scholarships@ipcdf.org) with an official seal

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of all community service performed during the last 12 months



**PHOTOGRAPHY AND/OR AUDIO-VISUAL RELEASE FORM  
AND PARENTAL CONSENT**

I (parent/guardian name), \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize the Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation (IPCDF) and/or photographer/videographer working on behalf of IPCDF to use, reproduce, and/or publish photographs and/or video that may pertain to my son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, — including his/her image, likeness and/or voice without compensation.

I understand that this material may be used in various publications, public affairs releases, recruitment materials, broadcast public service advertising (PSAs) or for other related endeavors. This material may also appear on the IPCDF's Internet web and/or social media sites.

This authorization is continuous and may only be withdrawn by my specific rescission of this authorization. Consequently, IPCDF may publish materials, use my name, photograph, and/or make reference to me in any manner that IPCDF deems appropriate in order to promote/publicize service opportunities.

Description of Material (Photos/Audio-Visual):

Photographs and videotaped comments

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_