



2019 Waller Continuing Education Scholarship

The Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation (IPCDF) is offering educational scholarship opportunities to assist a graduating high school senior or adult student with achieving his or her goals. The Waller Continuing Education Scholarship is provided to a person interested in continuing his or her academic advancement, pursuing a trade, or continuing his or her personal or professional development.

Examples of the type of student this scholarship aims to assist include, but are not limited to,: a graduating high school senior who either recently re-engaged in school, was previously involved in the juvenile justice system or is a parent of a juvenile in the justice system; a graduating high school senior with diverse learning needs who will continue their educational or personal training opportunities; a current or former caregiver in need of a refresher course to remain in or return to the workforce; someone who needs funds to learn a certain skill set to fulfill a lifelong dream; or someone whose employer does not offer financial assistance with professional development.

Scholarship Award

IPCDF will make a one-time award of \$1,000. The award check will be made payable to the scholarship recipient and will be awarded upon proof of enrollment in spring of 2019. **Application materials are due Friday, April 5, 2019.**

Graduating High School Seniors

- A completed scholarship application and media release form
- Submission of a typed essay (500 words/1 page)

Essay Topic:

Where do you see yourself in the next five years? How will continuing your education help you to achieve those goals?

- The most recent official transcript in a sealed envelope OR emailed directly to scholarships@ipcdf.org from the school with an official seal
- An acceptance letter or other proof of enrollment on official letterhead from the institution/program you will attend during the 2019-2020 academic year

High School Graduates

- A completed scholarship application and media release form
- Submission of a typed essay (500 words/1 page)

Essay Topic:

Where do you see yourself in the next five years? How will continuing your education help you to achieve those goals?

- An acceptance letter or other proof of enrollment on official letterhead from the institution/program you will attend during the 2019-2020 academic year

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 – Waller Scholarship
3473 S. King Drive, Suite 307
Chicago, IL 60616



2019 Waller Continuing Education 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: _____

Date of Birth: _____

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:

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 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 Waller Continuing Education Scholarship Application – Graduating High School Senior 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 words/1 page)

Essay Topic:

Where do you see yourself in the next five years? How will continuing your education help you to achieve those goals?

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. _____ The most recent official transcript from your high school in a sealed envelope OR emailed directly to scholarships@ipcdf.org from the school with an official seal

4. _____ A copy of an acceptance letter or proof of enrollment, on official letterhead, from the institution or program you will attend during the 2019-2020 academic year



2019 Waller Continuing Education Scholarship Application – High School Graduate 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 words/1 page)

Essay Topic:

Where do you see yourself in the next five years? How will continuing your education help you to achieve those goals?

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. _____ A copy of an acceptance letter or proof of enrollment, on official letterhead, from the institution or program you will attend during the 2019-2020 academic year



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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.

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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: _____