



2020 Dana G. Woodley Scholarship

The Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation (IPCDF) is offering educational scholarship opportunities to high school seniors and undergraduate students who will continue their education at four-year institutions in the fall. IPCDF is offering the Dana G. Woodley Scholarship specifically to African American students who demonstrate a financial need as they pursue a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)¹ education at a college or university. The applicant must have proof of residency or attend school in Illinois, Indiana, or Michigan.

Scholarship Award

IPCDF will make a one-time award of \$5,000 to the recipient. The award check will be made payable to the scholarship recipient and awarded upon proof of enrollment in spring of 2020. **Application materials are due Friday, April 3, 2020.**

<u>High School Seniors</u>	<u>Undergraduate Students</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A completed scholarship application• Submission of a typed essay (500-700 words) <p>Essay Topic: How do you see yourself giving back to your community with the skills that you plan to gain with your degree?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two letters of recommendation written during the current academic year (not dated before September 2019), 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.• FASFA Statement Page of Financial Need.• 3.5 Cumulative Grade Point Average or higher (unweighted).• The most recent unofficial transcript.• An acceptance letter on official letterhead from the four-year institution you will attend during the 2020-2021 academic year.• Proof of all community service hours performed during your high school career (documented on an organization's letterhead); a minimum of 40 hours is required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A completed scholarship application• Submission of a typed essay (500-700 words) <p>Essay Topic: How do you see yourself giving back to your community with the skills that you plan to gain with your degree?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two letters of recommendation written during the current academic year (not dated before September 2019), 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.• FASFA Statement Page of Financial Need.• 3.5 Cumulative Grade Point Average or higher.• The most recent unofficial transcript.• Proof of all community service performed in the last 12 months (documented on an organization's letterhead).

Submission Deadline All application packets must be received by **Friday, April 3, 2020.**

Mail applications and supporting materials to:

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

¹ Source for defining STEM programming: <https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2009/2009161.pdf> (page 24)



2020 Dana G. Woodley Scholarship Application – 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

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

Essay Topic:

How do you see yourself giving back to your community with the skills that you plan to gain with your degree?

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 2019)

- 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. _____ FASFA Statement Page of Financial Need

5. _____ A cumulative 3.5 Grade Point Average or higher (unweighted)

6. _____ The most recent unofficial transcript

7. _____ A copy of an acceptance letter on official letterhead from the four-year college/university you will attend

8. _____ Proof of all community service performed during your high school career (documented on an organization's letterhead). At a minimum, provide proof of 40 hours of community service.



2020 Dana G. Woodley Scholarship Application –

Undergraduate Student 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

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

Essay Topic:

How do you see yourself giving back to your community with the skills that you plan to gain with your degree?

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 2019)

- 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. _____ FASFA Statement Page of Financial Need

5. _____ A cumulative 3.5 Grade Point Average or higher

6. _____ The most recent unofficial transcript

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