



## 2020 General Scholarship

The Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation (IPCDF) is offering educational scholarship opportunities to high school seniors planning to attend four-year institutions in the fall. IPCDF is also offering scholarships to current undergraduates planning to continue their education at four-year colleges or universities.

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

### Scholarship Award

IPCDF will make a one-time award of \$5,000 to each recipient. The award checks will be made payable to the scholarship recipients and will be awarded upon proof of enrollment in Summer 2020. **As a result of COVID-19, IPCDF is extending our application materials acceptance date to Monday, June 1, 2020.**

| <u>High School Seniors</u>   | <u>Undergraduate Students</u>   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A completed scholarship application</li><li>• Submission of a typed essay (500-700 words)</li></ul> <p><b>Essay Topic:</b><br/>Describe how your current academic performance and extracurricular participation have aided or will aid you in your development of service to others, compassion and leadership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li><li>• 2.85 Cumulative Grade Point Average or higher (unweighted)</li><li>• The most recent unofficial transcript</li><li>• An acceptance letter on official letterhead from the four-year institution you will attend during the 2020-2021 academic year</li><li>• Proof of all community service hours performed during your high school career; a minimum of 40 hours is required</li><li>• Proof of permanent residency or school attendance in the Bronzeville, Douglas, Englewood, Grand Boulevard, Hyde Park, Kenwood, Oakland, or Washington Park community</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A completed scholarship application</li><li>• Submission of a typed essay (500-700 words)</li></ul> <p><b>Essay Topic:</b><br/>Describe how your current academic performance and extracurricular participation have aided or will aid you in your development of service to others, compassion and leadership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li><li>• 2.85 Cumulative Grade Point Average or higher</li><li>• The most recent unofficial transcript</li><li>• Proof of all community service performed in the last 12 months on an organization's letterhead</li><li>• Proof of permanent residency or school attendance in the Bronzeville, Douglas, Englewood, Grand Boulevard, Hyde Park, Kenwood, Oakland, or Washington Park community</li></ul> |

Submission Deadline All application packets must be received by **Monday, June 1, 2020.**

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

**Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation**  
**Attn: Scholarship Committee – General Scholarship**  
**3473 S. King Drive, Suite 307**  
**Chicago, IL 60616**  
**or**  
**Email: [Scholarships@ipcdf.org](mailto:Scholarships@ipcdf.org)**



## 2020 General 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:**

Describe how your current academic performance and extracurricular participation have aided or will aid you in your development of service to others, compassion, and leadership.

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. \_\_\_\_\_ A cumulative 2.85 Grade Point Average or higher (unweighted)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ The most recent unofficial transcript

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

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

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



## **2020 General 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:**

Describe how your current academic performance and extracurricular participation have aided or will aid you in your development of service to others, compassion, and leadership.

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. \_\_\_\_\_ A cumulative 2.85 Grade Point Average or higher

5. \_\_\_\_\_ The most recent unofficial transcript

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, Englewood, Grand Boulevard, Hyde Park, Kenwood, Oakland, or Washington Park community