



2020 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 2020. 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, Englewood, Grand Boulevard, Hyde Park, Kenwood, Oakland, or Washington Park community.

Scholarship Award

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

Graduate Students

- A completed scholarship application
- Submission of 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.

- 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.
- 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 the previous year documented on official letterhead with contact information
- A signed media release form

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

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 – Graduate Scholarship
3473 S. King Drive, Suite 307
Chicago, IL 60616
OR
Email: Scholarships@ipcdf.org



2020 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

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 3.5 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

8. _____ A signed media release form