



2020 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 2020-2021 academic year. **As a result of COVID-19, IPCDF is extending our application materials acceptance date to Monday, June 1, 2020.**

Tau Mu Chapter Members

- A completed scholarship application
- 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 that target.

- Two letters of recommendation written during the current academic year (not dated before September 2019), 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 unofficial transcript
- Proof of all community service hours performed during the last 12 months
- A signed media release form

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 - Tau Mu Chapter Scholarship
3473 S. King Drive, Suite 307
Chicago, IL 60616
or
Email: Scholarships@ipcdf.org



2020 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

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

Essay Topic:

How have you supported the 2020-2021 International Program targets individually and through your chapter?

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 3.0 Grade Point Average or higher

5. _____ The most recent unofficial transcript from DePaul University in a sealed envelope OR emailed directly to scholarships@ipcdf.org with an official seal

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

7. _____ A head shot photo and a signed media release form