



2020 Waller Continuing Education Scholarship

The Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation (IPCDF) is offering an educational scholarship opportunity to assist a non-traditional 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 student 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 summer of 2020. **As a result of COVID-19, IPCDF is extending our application materials acceptance date to Monday, June 1, 2020.**

Non-traditional students

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

Essay Topic:

What about you and your future endeavors makes you the best candidate for this scholarship?

- An acceptance letter or other proof of enrollment on official letterhead from the institution/program you will attend during the 2020-2021 academic year
- 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 – Waller Scholarship
3473 S. King Drive, Suite 307
Chicago, IL 60616
or
Email: Scholarships@ipcdf.org



2020 Waller Continuing Education 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 words/1 page)

Essay Topic:

What about you and your future endeavors makes you the best candidate for this scholarship?

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 unofficial transcript

4. _____ A copy of an acceptance letter or proof of enrollment, on official letterhead, from the institution or program you will attend during the 2020-2021 academic year

5. _____ A signed media release form