



2021 Two-Year College and Vocation Scholarship

The Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation (IPCDF) is offering educational scholarship opportunities to high school seniors planning to attend two-year colleges, vocational, trade or apprenticeship programs in the fall 2021. IPCDF is also offering scholarships to current two-year college students planning to continue their education at two-year colleges. 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 \$500 to each recipient. The award checks will be made payable to the scholarship recipients and will be awarded upon receipt of an official transcript and proof of enrollment in Summer or Fall 2021.

Application materials are due Monday, May 31, 2021.

High School Seniors

- A completed scholarship application and media release form
- Submission of a typed essay (450-500 words)
Essay Topic:
The racial and political unrest of 2020-21 has led to increased calls for social justice. Please identify social justice or community issues in which you are currently involve or plan to be involved.
- One character letter of recommendation from a school official or a service organization with which you have volunteered, on official letterhead.
- 2.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average or higher (unweighted)
- Most recent unofficial transcript
- An acceptance letter on official letterhead or official email from the two-year college, vocational, trade or apprenticeship program you will attend 2021-2022.
- Proof of all community service hours performed during your high school career (documented on an organization's letterhead, formal correspondence from the organization, or noted on your high school transcript)
- Proof of permanent residency or school attendance in the Bronzeville, Douglas, Englewood, Grand Boulevard, Hyde Park, Kenwood, Oakland, or Washington Park community

Continuing College/Vocational Program Students

- A completed scholarship application and media release form
- Submission of a typed essay (450-500 words)
Essay Topic:
The racial and political unrest of 2020-21 has led to increased calls for social justice. Please identify social justice or community issues in which you are currently involve or plan to be involved?
- One character letter of recommendation from a school official or a service organization with which you have volunteered, on official letterhead.
- 2.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average or higher
- The most recent unofficial transcript
- Proof of all community service performed while in college or the vocational program (documented on an organization's letterhead or formal correspondence from the organization)
- 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 and transcripts must be received by **Monday, May 31, 2021**

Applications and supporting materials must be uploaded to: <http://bit.ly/IPCDFScholarships2021>



2021 Two-Year College and Vocation Scholarship Application – High School Checklist

Utilize this checklist to ensure your application packet is complete. Late or incomplete packets 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 and media release form
2. A typed essay (500 words)

Essay Topic:
The racial and political unrest of 2020-21 has led to increased calls for social justice. Please identify social justice or community issues in which you are currently involve or plan to be involved.

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. One-character recommendation letter, on official letterhead, from a school official or a service organization with which you have volunteered
4. A cumulative 2.0 Grade Point Average or higher (unweighted)
5. The most recent unofficial transcript
6. A copy of an acceptance letter on official letterhead from the two-year college, vocational, apprenticeship or trade program you will attend
7. Proof of all community service performed during your high school career (documented on an organization’s letterhead, formal correspondence from the organization, or noted on your high school transcript)
8. Proof of permanent residency or school attendance in the Bronzeville, Douglas, Englewood, Hyde Park, Grand Boulevard, Kenwood, Oakland, or Washington Park community



2021 Two-Year College and Vocation Scholarship Application – Continuing College/Vocational Program Student Checklist

Utilize this checklist to ensure your application packet is complete. Late or incomplete packets 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 with media release form

2. A typed essay (450-500 words)
Essay Topic:
The racial and political unrest of 2020-21 has led to increased calls for social justice. Please identify social justice or community issues in which you are currently involved or plan to be involved.

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. One character recommendation letter, on official letterhead, from a school or a Service organization with which you have volunteered

4. A cumulative 2.0 Grade Point Average or higher

5. The most recent unofficial transcript

6. Proof of all community service performed while in college (documented on an organization's letterhead or formal correspondence from the organization).

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