



2021 Beyond Our Communities Scholarship

The Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation (IPCDF) is offering educational scholarship opportunities to high school seniors who have attended an IPCDF service program during their high school years (2017-2021), but do not live or attend school in 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 the recipient. The award check will be made payable to the scholarship recipient and will be awarded upon receipt of an official transcript and providing proof of enrollment for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Application materials are due Monday, May 31, 2021.

High School Seniors

- A completed scholarship application
- Submission of a typed essay (450-500 words)
Essay Topic:
Explain how your attendance at an IPCDF event has impacted your college or career goals? In your response, identify the specific IPCDF event you attended.
- One letter of recommendation written during the current academic year (not dated before September 2020), addressed to IPCDF. Letter must be a character reference on official letterhead from a school official or a service organization with which you have volunteered.
- 2.85 Cumulative Grade Point Average or higher
- The most recent unofficial transcript
- An acceptance letter on official letterhead or an official email from the four-year institution you will attend during the 2021-2022 academic year.
- 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

Submission Deadline: All application packets must be received by **Monday, May 31, 2021.**

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



2021 Beyond Our Communities 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 general guidelines to assist applicants in understanding the review criteria.

1. _____ A completed scholarship application with signed media release form

2. _____ A typed essay (450-500 words)
Essay Topic:
Explain how your attendance at an IPCDF event has impacted your college or career goals? In your response, identify the specific IPCDF event you attended.

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 recommendation letter written during the current academic year (not dated before September 2020)
 - Must be a character reference on official letterhead from a school official or a service organization with which you have volunteered.

4. _____ A cumulative 2.85 Grade Point Average or higher

5. _____ The most recent unofficial transcript

6. _____ 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).

7. _____ Proof of permanent residency