



2021 Dana G. Woodley Scholarship

The Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation (IPCDF) is offering educational scholarship opportunities to high school seniors and undergraduate students who will continue their education at four-year institutions in the fall. IPCDF is offering the Dana G. Woodley Scholarship specifically to African American students who pursue a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM)¹ education at a college or university. The applicant must have proof of permanent residency or school attendance 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 check will be made payable to the scholarship recipient and awarded upon receipt of an official transcript and proof of enrollment in Fall of 2021.

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:

The racial and political unrest of 2020-21 has led to increased calls for social justice. Please identify how you will use your STEM education to address social justice or community issues.

Two letters of recommendation written during the current academic year (not dated before September 2020), 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 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 or school attendance in the Bronzeville, Douglas, Englewood, Grand Boulevard, Hyde Park, Kenwood, Oakland, or Washington Park community

Undergraduate Students

A completed scholarship application

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 how you will use your STEM education to address social justice or community issues.

Two letters of recommendation written during the current academic year (not dated before September 2020), 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.

The most recent unofficial transcript.

Proof of all community service performed while in college (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 must be received by **Monday, May 31, 2021**

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

¹ Source for defining STEM programming: <https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2009/2009161.pdf> (page 24)



2021 Dana G. Woodley Scholarship Application – High School Senior 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 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 how you will use your STEM education to address social justice or community issues.

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 2020)
 - 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 3.5 Grade Point Average or higher (unweighted)
5. _____ The most recent unofficial transcript
6. _____ A copy of an acceptance letter on official letterhead or an official email from the four-year college/university you will attend Fall 2021
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, Grand Boulevard, Hyde Park, Kenwood, Oakland, or Washington Park community



2021 Dana G. Woodley Scholarship Application – Undergraduate Student 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 (450-500 words)
Essay Topic:
The racial and political unrest of 2020-21 has led to increased calls for social justice. Please identify how you will use your STEM education to address social justice or community issues

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 2020)
 - 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 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