



2021 Graduate Scholarship

The Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation (IPCDF) is offering educational scholarship opportunities to those pursuing a graduate degree at an accredited university in the fall of 2021. The applicant must be accepted and enrolled in a post-baccalaureate degree program.

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 \$2,000 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 proof of enrollment in graduate school Summer or Fall of 2021.

Application materials are due Monday, May 31, 2021

Graduate 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 social justice or community issues in which you are currently involved or plan to be involved.
- Two letters of recommendation written during the current academic year (not dated before September 2019), 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 community service performed during the previous year documented on official letterhead or formal correspondence from the organization
- A signed media release form

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 Graduate 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 (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. _____ 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 or graduate school (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

8. _____ A signed media release form