



2021 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 receipt of proof of enrollment in Fall of 2021.

Application materials are due Monday, May 31, 2021.

Non-traditional 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?
- An acceptance letter or other proof of enrollment on official letterhead from the institution/program you will attend during the 2021-2022 academic year
- 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 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 with signed 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. _____ A copy of an acceptance letter or proof of enrollment on official letterhead, or an official email from the institution or program you will attend during the 2021-2022 academic year

4. _____ A signed media release form