



2022 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 2022. 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 2022.

Graduate Students

- A completed scholarship application and signed media release form
- Submission of a typed essay (450-500 words)
Essay Topic: The Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement has captured the entire world because the issues related to racial prejudice are as relevant as ever. How will you apply what you've learned from the BLM movement to your educational and career pursuits?
- Two letters of recommendation written during the current academic year (not dated before September 2021), 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
- 3.0 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 2022- 2023 academic year
- Proof of community service performed during the previous year documented on official 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 **Sunday, May 29, 2022.**

Applications and supporting materials must be uploaded to: <http://bit.ly/IPCDFScholarships2022>



2022 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 and signed media release form
2. A typed essay (450-500 words)
Essay Topic: The Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement has captured the entire world because the issues related to racial prejudice are as relevant as ever. How will you apply what you've learned from the BLM movement to your educational and career pursuits?
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 2021)
 - 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 3.0 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