The Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation (IPCDF) is offering educational scholarship opportunities to high school seniors planning to attend or undergraduate college students currently enrolled at a Historically Black College or University. The applicant must have permanent residency or attend school in the Bronzeville, Douglas, Washington Park, Grand Boulevard, Oakland, Kenwood, Hyde Park or Englewood community.

**Scholarship Award**

IPCDF will make a one-time award of $4,000 to each recipient. The award checks will be made payable to the scholarship winner and will be awarded upon proof of enrollment in late spring of 2016.

**Requirements**

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**Submission Deadline** All application packets and transcripts must be received by **Friday, April 22, 2016.**

**Email** completed application including community service documentation and proof of residency or school attendance, typed essay, and two recommendation letters to: Scholarships@ipcdf.org

**Mail** official transcript to:

Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation
Attn: HBCU Scholarship Committee
3473 S. King Drive, Suite 307
Chicago, IL 60616
Required Information (Please Print or Type)

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip Code: ____________________________________________________________________________

Date of Birth: ____________________________________________________________________________

Best Contact Phone Number: (       ) ________________________________

E-mail Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

Gender: Male / Female (Please Circle)

Current School Name: ________________________________________________________________

Curriculum/Major: ________________________________________________________________

Grade Point Average: __________

List any Honors, Awards, or Extra-Curricular Activities:

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List Community Service (activity and hours) and attach documentation:

_____________________________________________________________________________________

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How did you hear about our scholarship? ____________________________________________________________

Have you previously applied for our scholarship? Yes/ No (Please Circle)

Application Review Process:
Completed application materials must be received on or before 11:59 PM on Friday, April 22, 2016 to be considered. Applications that are incomplete or late automatically be disqualified. Scholarship recipients will be notified by early spring of 2016. Students will be presented scholarship award checks for the 2016-2017 academic year upon proof of enrollment.
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2016 HBCU Scholarship - Undergraduate Student Checklist

Utilize this checklist to ensure your application packet is complete. Incomplete or late packets will be disqualified. Return this checklist with your application packet.

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3. ________ Two recommendation letters written during the current academic year (not dated before September 2015)
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4. ________ A cumulative 2.85 Grade Point Average or higher

5. ________ Your most recent official transcript from your HBCU in a sealed envelope

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6. _________ A copy of an acceptance letter on official letterhead from the HBCU you will attend

7. _________ Proof of all community service performed during your high school career. At a minimum, provide proof of 40 hours of community service participation

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