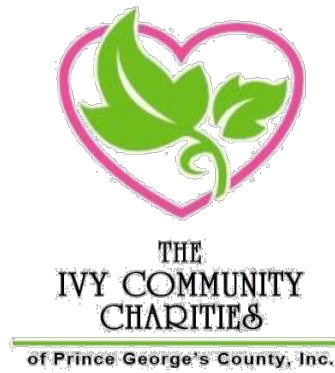




**The Ivy Community Charities
of
Prince George's County, Inc.
in partnership with
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Iota Gamma Omega Chapter**

**2021 ICC Scholars Program
Application Package**

Application Deadline: February 1, 2021*



The Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc. was established in 1986 by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Iota Gamma Omega Chapter. Since 1994, Charities has provided more than \$590,000.00 in scholarships to Prince George's County students based on academic excellence or financial need.

For more information regarding the scholarship application, please email scholarship@iccpgc.org

IVY COMMUNITY CHARITIES SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible for scholarships offered by Ivy Community Charities, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a high school senior.
- Reside in Prince George's County, Maryland.
- Attend a high school or be enrolled in an approved home school program in Prince George's County, Maryland.
- Have plans to pursue an Associate or Bachelor's degree on a full-time basis at an accredited two (2) or four (4) year college or university.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.
- **Children (biological or adopted), stepchildren or grandchildren of members of Iota Gamma Omega Chapter or Ivy Community Charities are INELIGIBLE for Ivy Community Charities Scholarships.**

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Applicants must complete the enclosed application, indicating the type of the scholarship, (**Merit/Need/Specialty**), applied for.
- Applicants for the "Need" scholarship must also upload a document (USB) in pdf format of their parent/guardian's 2020 W-2 or tax return.
- Applicants for the "Specialty Scholarships" must also submit all additional documents or materials required for consideration of that scholarship.
- Please provide an electronic document (USB) in pdf format of your unofficial 12th grade 1st quarter grades.¹
- Applicants must submit a sealed official transcript. For high school seniors, this must include grades 9-11. The transcript must reflect the cumulative grade point average and must have the signature of an authorized school official.
- Applicants must submit two (2) recent letters of recommendation in a sealed envelope. Letters of recommendation may come from a guidance counselor, teacher, minister, employer, coach, or community leader. All letters must have an original signature.
- Applicants must submit two (2) Evidence of Community Involvement forms.
- Applicants must provide an electronic document (USB) in pdf format, 12-point font, double spaced typewritten **ESSAY** and include your name at the top of each page. The essay must contain a minimum of 750 words, but no more than 1250 words, addressing **ONE** of the following statements:
1) What course or person had the most influence in your decision to pursue your intended field of study and why?
2) What is the most difficult challenge you have ever faced and how has it shaped you as a person?
** Essays will be evaluated on language mechanics, coherence, clarity of expression, and focus on the topic.*
- In lieu of the in-person interview, all applicants must submit a video presentation in mp4 format onto a USB flash drive. You may also upload your video presentation to your YouTube channel; however, this method requires that you provide your password. All submitted flash drives become the property of Ivy Community Charities and will not be returned to the applicant. Video presentations utilizing Vimeo or other similar sites which are password protected, located in the iCloud or no longer accessible after a minimum of 4 months **will not be accepted.**

¹ Applicants who attend private and/or home school should provide an explanation of the grading system on official school letterhead.

Your Video Presentation will be evaluated on communication skills, creativity, poise and posture, and appropriateness of attire. Your video will be limited to five (5) minutes and should discuss your recommendations for solving **ONE** of the following social challenges:

- 1) *The U.S. 2020 Presidential candidates (Joe Biden and Donald Trump) drew historic crowds to the polls with Joe Biden emerging as the winner. If you could combine the best qualities of President Donald Trump with those of President-Elect Joe Biden, describe this new leader and how he would impact America. Which of their leadership qualities do you best exhibit? Explain your response.***
- 2) *Following the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, there have been several calls for police reform, including suggestions that the police should be defunded altogether. What does police reform look like to you and how would those changes impact your community?***

- Provide your student resume to be included on your USB flash drive in pdf format including all volunteering experiences, extra-curricular activities, sports, work experience and leadership roles. Each entry must indicate the school/organization, dates of service, your role and any superlatives received.
- Applications must contain an original signature of the student as well as the parent/guardian.
- Application documents requiring original signature(s) must be mailed to the Ivy Youth and Family Center and be received by February 1, 2021.
- Submitted documents contained on your USB flash drive must adhere to the following labeling system:

First Name Last Name _Document Name _Your High School.

For example: Jane Doe _Resume _FredDouglassHS.pdf

SCHOLARSHIP SCORING RUBRIC:

Candidates will be scored in the following categories:

- GPA (20%) 20 points
- Essay (20%) 20 points
- Video Presentation (20%) 20 points
- Extra-Curricular Activities (10%) 10 points
- Community Service/Organizational Affiliations (10%) 10 points
- Awards and Honors (10%) 10 points
- Leadership Roles/Work Experience (10%) 10 points

Total of (100 %) = 100 points

SPECIALTY SCHOLARSHIPS

Below are additional scholarship offerings for the 2021 Scholarship Season. If eligible, applicants may apply for both Ivy Community Charities scholarships as well as any of the Specialty Scholarships provided below. Please check the box indicated on the Scholarship Application Form that corresponds to the abbreviation listed below in parentheses to indicate each scholarship for which the applicant is applying. Applying for multiple ICC or Specialty Scholarships is encouraged.

(ICC) Ambassador Scholarship - To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. (a) Be a non-graduating undergraduate who has earned at least 25 college credit hours; OR (b) be a part-time or full-time undergraduate senior, graduate or professional student pursuing an advanced degree from an accredited university or institution seeking support to take a graduate entrance test preparatory course or with graduate school application fees.
2. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8.
3. Be a former ICC Scholar or have participated in an ICC Program within the last five years.

(1stGEN) First Generation Scholarship - To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Include a personal statement indicating that applicant will be the first person in immediate family to attend college (father, mother, legal guardian, siblings, grandparents did not attend college).
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5.
3. Meet all other general scholarship requirements set forth above.

(CC/VOC) Local Community College/Vocational Scholarship - To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Attend Prince Georges' Community College or be currently enrolled in a vocational/technical school or trade school in the Fall of 2021 as a full-time student.
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5.
3. Meet all other general scholarship requirements set forth above.

ICC INTERNATIONAL TARGET SCHOLARSHIPS:

(HBCU) HBCU For Life Scholarship - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was founded on the campus of Howard University. Support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) remains a priority as Alpha Kappa Alpha continues its focus on education. To be eligible for this scholarship, the applicant will attend a HBCU in the Fall of 2021.

❖ Criteria:

1. Must meet all general scholarship requirements set forth above.
2. Must be planning to attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).
3. Must submit a 300 to 500-word essay in pdf format on the following topic:

HBCUs were established in the 1800s to serve the educational needs of Black Americans. Today Black students can attend any college or university they choose. Why have you chosen to attend an HBCU? What do you hope to gain from an HBCU college experience?

(HEALTH) Women's Healthcare and Wellness – STEM/Health Sciences Scholarship - Alpha Kappa Alpha will continue to raise community awareness of critical health issues. The primary focuses will be breast cancer awareness and prevention, heart health, nutrition and wellness, and care for the caregivers. The recipient of this scholarship intends to earn a STEM or Health Sciences degree.

❖ Criteria:

1. Must meet all other general scholarship requirements set forth above.
2. Plans to major in a Science-Tech-Engineering-Math (STEM) OR another Health-sciences field.
3. Must submit a 300 to 500-word essay in pdf format on the following topic:

Adults of any age with certain underlying medical conditions are at increased risk for certain illnesses like COVID-19. With the consistent rise in pre-existing conditions that are prevalent in the Black community, describe at least one of these underlying conditions and discuss your solution to reduce the effects of this condition on the Black community.

(GLOBIMP) Global Impact - Alpha Kappa Alpha engages in programming designed to enhance the international footprint of the sorority. The focus is on community service projects that have an international impact, as well as partnerships with organizations that make a difference worldwide.

❖ Criteria:

1. Must meet all other general scholarship requirements set forth above.
2. Community Service and Involvement in Extracurricular activities (as reflected in attached resume).
3. Must submit a 300 to 500-word essay on the following topic below in pdf format:

It has been reported that the U.S. is divided over how illegal immigration should be addressed. One recommendation is to build a wall at the southern border to control illegal immigrants entering the U.S. What is your perspective on illegal immigration in the America? Focus specifically on areas of economic security, criminal activity and gaining American citizenship.

(ARTS) The Arts - Alpha Kappa Alpha will expose students to arts enrichment and culture by focusing on visual and performing arts and by showcasing talent through exploration of writers, entertainers, and various other artists.

❖ Criteria:

1. Must meet all other general scholarship requirements set forth above.
2. Must participate in school, church or community performing arts program (dance, drama, choir, art, creative writing, band, poetry and/or spoken word) as reflected in attached resume.
3. Leadership, Awards and Recognitions (as reflected in attached resume/personal statement).
4. Must submit an original work/artistic expression which can include any of the following: ***video of performance, download of musical performance, photo of original drawing, painting or sculpture, musical score, poem, or any other submission that demonstrates your artistic talents.***

(ECOLEG) Building Your Economic Legacy – Alpha Kappa Alpha emphasizes financial planning, asset accumulation, and wealth building including savings and investments, managing debt and improving credit.

❖ Criteria:

1. Must meet all other general scholarship requirements set forth above.
2. Must provide a description of the applicant's unwavering financial commitment to your family (ex. caring for younger siblings or working a part-time job to help financially) or currently be an entrepreneur with an existing business. Please describe in a separate attachment.
3. Must submit a 300 to 500-word essay in pdf format on the following topic:
There have been many arguments posed over the past few years about the lack of financial literacy education provided to students in the U.S. What does financial literacy mean to you and how is it important? How will this type of knowledge allow you to succeed in the future and what types of mistakes will this knowledge help prevent?

SELECTION:

Applicants will only be evaluated based on the submission of a complete application package. Selection decisions will be made based on the overall rating of the application package submitted.

Candidates who accept a full scholarship (all tuition and expenses paid) from a college or university will forfeit all rights to receive a scholarship from Ivy Community Charities or Iota Gamma Omega.

PACKAGE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Complete application documents requiring original signature(s) must be mailed to the Ivy Youth and Family Center and be received by February 1, 2021. **Both a hard copy and an electronic copy (USB) must be submitted.**
- All information provided by a scholarship applicant will be considered confidential and will be used only for the basis of evaluating applicants for a scholarship.
- All materials submitted become the property of Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County Inc.
- Incomplete packages will not be considered.

DO NOT SEND your application materials via certified mail and/or Signature Required. Due to limited hours at the Ivy Community Charities offices, they may not be received. **Regular postal service is sufficient.**

Complete application packages should be submitted as follows:

Emailed (USB) pdf formatted document by February 1, 2021: scholarship@iccpge.org

Received or postmarked by February 1, 2021:

The Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc.
Attention: Scholarship Committee
6118 Walton Avenue
Suitland, Maryland 20746

APPLICATION TIMELINE:

December 20, 2020 (Sunday)	Attend ICC Scholarship Application Workshop
January 8, 2021 (Friday)	Email an “ Intent to submit application ” statement to Ivy Community Charities at scholarship@iccpge.org no later than January 12, 2021. <i>e.g. I intend to apply to be considered for an ICC 2021 Scholarship Award.</i> You will be apprised as to any/all application updates and/or alternate options for applicants to submit an ICC Scholars Program application, if needed, in an abundance of caution due to present COVID uncertainty.
January 15, 2021	Optional Scholarship Application Essay Review – applicants must email their essay with the heading “Optional Essay Review” to Ivy Community Charities at scholarship@iccpge.org no later than midnight on January 15, 2021. The scholarship committee will provide actionable suggestions and feedback within one week.
February 1, 2021 (Monday)	Submit completed application package.
February 15, 2021 (Monday)	Confirmation emails will be sent to applicants on or before this date verifying that their complete scholarship application package was received.

There will be no opportunity to cure incomplete applications. Therefore, it is imperative that you thoroughly check all materials prior to submission.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please contact the Scholarship Committee with questions or for more information: scholarship@iccpge.org.

Complete every question on the application to be considered. This page does not need to be included in the application packet.

TIPS FOR COMPLETING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

- Read the entire scholarship application and make sure that you are actually eligible for the proposed funding. Many times, the scholarships are meant for specific populations. You can save time by reading about the scholarships beforehand and making sure that you meet the minimum eligibility criteria.
- Research the background, history and goals of the scholarship and the organization presenting it. This may aid in completing the scholarship application and essay in a way that makes you more likely to get funding.
- Make a copy of the scholarship application. Prepare an initial rough draft or practice application. Fill out the information on this rough draft and then transfer it neatly to the actual application later.
- Do not leave any spaces blank when you fill out the application. Fill out the entire scholarship application and write "not applicable" where appropriate.
- Detail your academic achievements when asked. Draw attention to things like your good GPA (above a 3.4 is ideal to highlight), any academic honors and other scholarly accomplishments.
- List your other hobbies, volunteer work and relevant successes on your scholarship application. Good examples are experiences that are in line with the area of study for which you are trying to get a scholarship, such as volunteering at a medical center when applying for a nursing scholarship (such as volunteering at a medical center when applying for a nursing scholarship).
- Check for typographical and grammatical errors on your rough draft scholarship application. Ask a friend who is proficient in English to proofread. Transfer your error-free information from the rough draft onto your original application

TIPS FOR COMPLETING THE ESSAY:

- Make an outline to organize your thoughts.
- Pay attention to creating a strong introduction, supporting arguments, and an appropriate conclusion. Every story (including yours) should have a beginning, middle, and end.
- Ask others for their feedback, but do not ask them to write it.
- Proofread the final version. Wait 24 hours.
- Proofread it again before sending it.
- A header indicating your topic on the essay should be included.

What makes a good scholarship essay?

- It is original.
- It states clearly why you deserve to win the scholarship.
- It avoids meaningless information.
- It is inspirational and positive in tone.
- It is honest.

(Taken from Essayedge.com)



The Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc. 2021 Scholarship Application

Application Type: ☐ Need ☐ Merit ☐ Specialty (check here and below)
☐ ICC ☐ 1stGEN ☐ CC/VOC ☐ HBCU ☐ HEALTH ☐ GLOBIMP ☐ ARTS ☐ ECOLEG

Applicant Information:

Citizenship Status: *Please Check One:*

☐ Citizen of the United States ☐ Non-Citizen National ☐ Lawful Permanent Resident

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Residence District: _____ Councilmanic Representative: _____

High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

High School Address: _____

Current G.P.A. _____ Cumulative G.P.A. _____ High School District: _____

of Community Service Hours Completed: _____ # of Community Service Hours Indicated on your Transcript: _____

Extracurricular Activities, Leadership and Awards must be fully indicated on your Student Resume in a separate attachment.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Relationship: ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Guardian

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

College/University Information:

College/University You Plan to Attend: _____

State of College or University: _____

Degree: ☐ Associate ☐ Bachelor Expected Major: _____

List Estimated Costs: Tuition: \$ _____ Books: \$ _____ Board: \$ _____ Total: \$ _____

Income: (For Need Applicants Only)

Please answer the following questions related to your parent(s)/legal guardian's income.
(HUD/CDBG Income Limits will be Used When Determining Financial Need)

What is your Household Size (parents/guardians and other dependents)? _____

How Many Household Members Are Attending College or University? _____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time _____

What was the total household Taxable Income Filed in 2020? \$ _____

***2020 W-2 or Tax Form Must Accompany Application**

Affirmation:

I _____ have read and understand the conditions of The Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc. Scholarship Program as explained in the 2021 Scholarship Application Package. I affirm that I am a student in Prince George's County Public/Private/Home Schools and have plans to pursue an Associate or Bachelor's degree on a full time basis at an accredited (2) or (4) year college or University. I give permission to officials of my current high school to release transcripts of my academic record and other information requested for consideration in The Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc. Scholarship Program. I affirm that I am not a child (biological or adopted), stepchild or grandchild of a member of Iota Gamma Omega Chapter or Ivy Community Charities. If selected for an ICC Scholarship Award, I will be invited to attend the Ivy League Awards Ceremony in Prince George's County, MD in the spring. I affirm that this application, including the essay, is my own work. I further affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Application Checklist

- ✓ Complete Application/ Affirmation Statement (pages 9 & 10 with all required signatures **mailed** directly to the address below & scanned with signatures on an **USB** in pdf format)
- Income Verification (If Applicable) – (**USB** in pdf format)
- ✓ Unofficial 12th Grade 1st Quarter Grades – (**USB** in pdf format)
- ✓ Student Resume - (**USB** in pdf format)
- ✓ Private/Home Schooling Grading System (If Applicable) – (**USB** in pdf format)
- ✓ Typewritten Essay - (**USB** pdf format)
- ✓ All additional submissions/materials required for Specialty Scholarships - (**USB** in pdf, jpg or mp4 format)
- ✓ Video Presentation - (**USB** in mp4 format)
- * Sealed Official Transcript – (**mailed** directly from school to the address below)
- ✓ Two Letters of Recommendations – (**mailed** directly to the address below)
- *Evidence of Community Involvement Forms (Two) – (**mailed** directly by reviewer to the address below)
- *Applications with pdf documents must be received on or before February 1, 2021
- ** Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Mail your USB flash drive, containing all electronic documents (with or without signatures), & those requiring official signatures to the following address:

The Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc.
Attention: Scholarship Committee
6118 Walton Avenue
Suitland, Maryland 20746

Email Address for electronic documents in pdf format and questions:
scholarship@iccpge.org

The Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc.
2021 Evidence of Community Involvement Form I

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Please record information regarding **your most recent involvement** in community programs or service activities. **You must submit two (2) Evidence of Community Involvement forms.** However, only one program or service activity can be recorded on this form. The signature of the Director or Supervisor of the activity or program, attesting to your participation and involvement, is required. Forms submitted without an original signature will not be accepted. Only provide the information requested, giving details of your involvement. You may not attach or provide supplemental information.

Community Program/Service Activity Information:

Title of Program Activity: _____ Program Activity Dates: _____

Goal of Program/Activity: _____

Program/Activity Location: _____

Population Served (Check all that apply):

☐ Youth ☐ Adults ☐ Senior ☐ Environment ☐ Other

Number of Hours You Were Involved: _____

Describe Your Specific Involvement:

By signing this form, I verify that all of the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Program Director or Supervisor may be contacted as a result of my participation in this process.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Program Director or Supervisor: _____ Signature: _____

Program Address: _____

Date: _____

The Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc.
2021 Evidence of Community Involvement Form II

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Please record information regarding **your most recent involvement** in community programs or service activities. **You must submit two (2) Evidence of Community Involvement forms.** However, only one program or service activity can be recorded on this form. The signature of the Director or Supervisor of the activity or program, attesting to your participation and involvement, is required. Forms submitted without an original signature will not be accepted. Only provide the information requested, giving details of your involvement. You may not attach or provide supplemental information.

Community Program/Service Activity Information:

Title of Program Activity: _____ Program Activity Dates: _____

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Population Served (Check all that apply):

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Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Program Director or Supervisor: _____ Signature: _____

Program Address: _____

Date: _____