



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

2020 Scholarship Program Application Package

Application Deadline: February 1, 2020*



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 \$550,000.00 in scholarships to Prince George's County students on the basis of academic excellence or financial need.

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

SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible, 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's 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.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Complete the enclosed application, indicating the type of scholarship applied for.
- Applicants for the "need" scholarship must also submit their parent/guardian's 2018 W-2 or tax return.
- Submit your 12th grade 1st quarter grades.¹
- 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.
- 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.
- Submit two (2) Evidence of Community Involvement forms.
- Submit a 12-point font, double spaced typewritten essay, and include your name at the top of the page. The essay must contain a minimum of 750 words, but no more than 1250 words, addressing the following statement:

Statistics show that young people, ages 18 to 24, are less likely to vote than those over age 35. People who make more than \$75,000 a year are much more likely to vote than those making less than \$50,000. That implies that older and wealthier Americans have a greater say in who is running our government. Do you think voting is important? If you are eligible, will you vote in the 2020 election? Why, or why not?

Essays will be evaluated on language mechanics, coherence and clarity of expression, and focus on the topic.

- Applications must be signed by the student as well as the parent/guardian.
- Application documents requiring original signature(s) must be mailed and received by February 1st.

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

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW:

Scholarship finalists will be invited to an interview where they will present their essay. Presentations will be limited to 15 minutes. Presentations and responses to questions about the essay will be evaluated on communication skills, creativity, poise and posture, and appropriateness of attire.

SELECTION:

Applicants will be evaluated based on their complete submission. Selection decisions will be made based on the overall rating of the package submitted as well as the presentation.

Candidates who accept a full scholarship (all expenses paid) from a college or university will forfeit all rights to receive a scholarship through the ICC Scholars Program.

PACKAGE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Complete applications must be received or postmarked by February 1, 2020. **Both a hard copy and electronic copy must be submitted.**
- All information presented throughout is considered confidential and will be used only for the basis of evaluating applicants for a scholarship.
All materials submitted become the property of The 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 accepted. **Regular postal service is sufficient.**

Complete Application Packages Should Be Submitted as Follows:

Emailed PDF document by February 1, 2020: scholarship@iccpgc.org

Received or postmarked by February 1, 2020:

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

APPLICATION TIMELINE:

February 1, 2020 (Friday): Submit completed application

February 15, 2020: Notification emails sent to applicants verifying their complete application

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

All decisions of the Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc. Scholarship Committee and the Ivy Community Charities Board or Directors are final and any attempts by applicants, parents or donors to lobby or persuade the committee during the process will result in immediate disqualification of the applicant.

Application documents requiring original signature(s) must be mailed and received at:

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

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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



The Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc. 2020 Scholarship Application

Application Type: ☐ Need ☐ Merit

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: _____

High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

High School Address: _____

Current G.P.A. _____ Cumulative G.P.A. _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Number of Community Service Hours Completed: _____

List Your Extracurricular Activities:

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's 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/guardian(s), 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 2019? \$ _____

***2019 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 2020 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. 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 (with all required signatures)
- ✓ Income Verification (If Applicable)
- ✓ 12th Grade and 1st Quarter Grades
- ✓ Private/Home Schooling Grading System (If Applicable)
- ✓ Sealed Official Transcript – (mailed directly to the address below)
- ✓ Two Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Typewritten Essay
- ✓ Evidence of Community Involvement Forms (Two)

*Applications with .pdf documents must be received on or before February 1, 2020

** Incomplete applications will not be considered

Mailing Address for Hard Copy:

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

Email Address for .pdf documents and questions:

scholarship@iccpge.org

The Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc.
2020 Evidence of Community Involvement Form

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: _____