

Frequently Asked Questions | IAC Foundation Scholarship

Must I live or go to school in the tri-state area to be eligible for the Scholarship?

No. This is no longer an eligibility requirement for the IAC Foundation Scholarship.

How do I know if I am Pell Grant Eligible?

Schools use the information on the FAFSA form to determine your eligibility for a Pell Grant, and if so, how much you're eligible to receive. You will have to fill out the FAFSA form every year you're in school in order to stay eligible for federal student aid, including Pell Grant awards.

Where do I locate proof of my Pell Grant Eligibility?

Go to FAFSA.gov and log in. View your Student Aid Report (SAR) by selecting "view" or print to see what your financial aid award amount is, your Pell Grant eligibility, and what you are eligible to receive for that award year. A pdf or screenshot of your SAR will suffice.

How many Scholarships will be awarded this year?

We will be awarding up to 25 Scholarships this year.

Who should my recommender be?

Most recommenders are teachers, professors, school counselors, employers, coaches, program directors, or mentors.

What instructions should I send to my recommender?

Please have your recommender send their recommendation letter to iacfoundationscholarship@iac.com, with the subject line "2022 Scholarship Recommendation Letter_[Student Last Name]." In the body of the email, include name, applicant's name, affiliation to student, and contact information. Here are some suggestions for how to craft the letter:

- Include an introduction that identifies who you are, your relationship to the student, and how long you've known them
- Offer general observations and thoughts about the student's academic strengths and personal qualities, such as their intellectual curiosity and devotion to study, ethics, integrity, etc.
- Cite specific examples that support those observations and thoughts
- Include a summary that includes why you think this student is a good fit for [this particular scholarship](#)
- Close by saying you're open to being contacted for more information if needed

How can I make my application stand out?

Proofread your resume and essays. Include all work and leadership experiences that you have had (including work studies, part-time jobs, etc.). Be transparent about hardships you have overcome or are in the process of overcoming. If you have a low GPA or took a gap year, etc., use the final essay question to provide an explanation.

By what time does the Scholarship need to be fully spent?

You are expected to spend the funds within one year of receiving the award letter. However, if you intend on applying to the Scholarship program again, all funds must be spent and all reporting documents must be submitted by the time the application closes in order to be considered.