



# 2025 International Child Advancement (ICA) Academic Empowerment Scholarship

## The International Child Advancement (ICA) Academic Empowerment Scholarship

The ICA Academic Empowerment Scholarship is designed to support the academic excellence, financial need, and community engagement of minority and underprivileged high school graduates and college freshmen in Buffalo, NY. Our goal is to empower students from marginalized backgrounds to achieve their higher education dreams.

### Scholarship Benefits

- **Award Amount:** \$250 per recipient (two recipients).
- **Additional Support:** A laptop and laptop bag for educational use.
- **Usage:** Funds can be applied toward tuition, fees, books, or other educational expenses at an accredited college, university, or vocational institution.

### Key Dates

- **Application Deadline:** Spring: March 28, 2025 | Fall: September 26, 2025

### Eligibility Requirements

1. **Student Status:**
  - Graduating high school seniors from Buffalo, NY
  - College freshmen enrolled in an accredited institution from Buffalo, NY
2. **Academic Performance:**
  - Maintain a minimum GPA of 85% (B average).
3. **Minority Background:**
  - Identify as a member of a minority group (e.g., African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Asian American, Pacific Islander).
4. **Financial Need:**
  - a. Demonstrate financial need in the application essay or through optional supporting documents.



**5. Community Engagement:**

- a. Show involvement in community service through volunteer work, clubs, or other initiatives.

**Application Requirements**

**1. Complete the Application Form:**

- Submit the form at [ICA Scholarship Link](#).

**2. Official Transcript:**

- Provide your high school or college transcript (unofficial is acceptable)

**3. Personal Essay (250-500 Words):**

- Share your academic goals, financial need, and how you contribute to your community

**4. One Recommendation Letter:**

- From a teacher, counselor, employer, or community leader.

**Selection Process:**

A committee will review applications based on academic achievement, financial need, community involvement, and the quality of submitted materials.

**Contact Information:**

For questions or assistance, email [info@childadvancement.org](mailto:info@childadvancement.org) before the deadline.

*International Child Advancement is committed to breaking barriers and providing opportunities for underprivileged students to succeed. Together, we can foster social mobility in Buffalo and beyond.*