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International Child Advancement (ICA) Academic Empowerment Scholarship

The **International Child Advancement (ICA) Academic Empowerment Scholarship** is dedicated to recognizing and supporting the academic excellence, financial need, and community engagement of minority and underprivileged high school graduates in Buffalo, NY. This scholarship program aims to empower deserving students by providing financial assistance to pursue their higher education goals, particularly those from marginalized backgrounds.

Scholarship Benefits: The ICA Academic Empowerment Scholarship will provide financial assistance to two deserving recipients from minority and/or underprivileged backgrounds. The scholarship award amount will be **\$250** per recipient, to be used towards tuition, fees, books, and other educational expenses at an accredited college, university, or vocational institution.

Deadline: August 26th, 2024

Amount: \$250

Eligibility:

- **High School Graduation:** Applicants must be graduating seniors from a high school in Buffalo, NY, with a strong academic record.
- **Academic Achievement:** Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 85%
- **Minority Status:** Applicants must identify as a member of a minority group, including but not limited to African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Asian American, or Pacific Islander.
- **Financial Need:** Applicants must demonstrate a financial need by highlighting need in their application essay and/or providing documentation. Priority will be given to students from low-income underprivileged backgrounds
- **Commitment to Community Service:** Applicants should showcase a strong commitment to community service through active involvement in volunteer activities, clubs, organizations, or community initiatives.



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Application Process:

Application Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1puS7gyhJloUcOP2eugmYqHRv2xkx6UdurkmmfEPHnus/edit>

1. **Application Form:** Interested candidates must complete and submit the official ICA Academic Empowerment Scholarship application form via the application link above.
2. **Transcript:** Applicants must provide an official high school transcript demonstrating their academic achievements. This will be uploaded via the application link above.
3. **Essay:** Applicants must write a personal statement of **no more than 500 words** outlining their academic goals and commitment to community service. This will be completed via the application link above.
4. **Letters of Recommendation:** Applicants must provide at least two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, employers, or community leaders. These can be uploaded via the application link above.
5. **Award recipients** must attend ICA's **Hope on The Horizon** art gala on **September 14, 2024**, to accept their award.

Selection Process: A selection committee will review all applications and select the scholarship recipients based on the eligibility criteria and the quality of their application materials.

Contact Information: For inquiries or further information regarding the scholarship program, please contact info@childadvancement.org by the application deadline.

International Child Advancement is committed to breaking barriers and providing equitable opportunities for underprivileged students to achieve their academic dreams. Through this scholarship, we aim to foster social mobility in Buffalo, NY, and beyond.