



What is ICDF?

The International Carpe Diem Foundation (ICDF) offers FULL scholarships for students to participate in a multi-phase, yearlong experiential education program. Scholarship recipients must commit to the full year program, including undergraduate courses at Portland State University during fall term, an overseas semester with a Carpe Diem Education program, and a summer internship with Mercy Corps in Portland, OR.

Who is eligible for the ICDF scholarship program?

To be eligible, students must demonstrate the following:

- ✓ Residence in the Portland/Vancouver area
- ✓ High school diploma or GED by the time the program begins
- ✓ Eligible for entrance into Portland State University (see below) (www.pdx.edu/admissions)
 - ▶ This includes completion completion of SAT and/or ACT college entrance exam.
- ✓ Eligibility for the Pell Grant (applied for through FAFSA (the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid))

Please note: If you are uncertain if you are eligible for entrance into Portland State University, ICDF staff can assist you.

What is the application deadline?

Applications for ICDF scholarships are accepted on a rolling basis – meaning that they are reviewed when they are received and award decisions are then made. Once your full application has been received, you will receive a call from ICDF followed by an in-person interview.

What are the program expectations?

Every award decision involves the expectation that you will complete several critical items. These are designed to demonstrate a lasting commitment to the betterment (and demonstrated support) of and by your local community:

- 🌐 Complete the full **year's worth of university credit** (including the academic, international and internship components),
- 🌐 Fundraise a **mandatory \$300** contribution prior to your overseas departure,
- 🌐 At the programs completion submit a comprehensive **Community Upliftment Proposal** designed to benefit the community based on the theory of the fall, the experience of the spring, and the internship at Mercy Corps.
- 🌐 Complete **10 hours of Community Awareness** - Community Awareness hours are usually done at a local school or community forum (such as church) where, **AFTER** returning from your overseas travels, you will be expected to share about your project proposal, the relevant issues that you expect to find overseas, and sharing information such as statistics of poverty, literacy rates, etc. The intention behind this is to create both some community awareness, but also to instill a sense of your own contributions towards your journey.



THE INTERNATIONAL CARPE DIEM FOUNDATION - APPLICATION PACKET
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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Please fill out this application thoroughly and thoughtfully. The application, an interview, and reference checks are the ways we determine an applicant is a good fit for the Foundation. We expect honest and detailed responses to these questions. After we have received your complete application we will call you to schedule an interview.

Don't forget a photo of you that would be appropriate for collegiate professionalism

Please complete everything that says "Application Packet" on it and then mail, email or fax it to us at:

PO Box 17427, Portland, OR. 97217

info@carpefoundation.org

or Fax it to: 866-903-1077

YOUR NAME _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Social Security #: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Citizenship: _____

The best method and time to contact you is: _____

The Best Address to Mail Letters to you:

Father's Name _____

Address _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work: _____

E-mail _____

Mother's Name _____

Address _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work: _____

E-mail _____

If not your parents, whom should we contact in case of an Emergency?

Name _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work: _____

E-mail _____ Fax _____

How did you hear about the International Carpe Diem Foundation? _____

REFERENCES: Please give us the names and contact information of 2 adults who know you well who are not related to you – one of them must be a former teacher, school representative, or employer.

#1 Name: _____ Relation: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

#2 Name: _____ Relation: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Have you traveled or lived outside of the United State before? (circle) Yes / No
 If yes, which countries and for how long? _____

Are you financially independent from your parents? (circle) Yes / No

Do you have a passport? (circle) Yes / No
 If yes, from what country? _____ When does it expire? _____

EDUCATION AND ACTIVITIES BACKGROUND

Please enter all the schools you have attended since entering high school:

School Name	City/State/Country	Dates Attended (Month/Year to Month/Year)	Reason for Leaving

Explain any disruptions to schooling including skipping a grade, switching schools, failing a grade, etc.

What is your cumulative High School GPA? _____

What was your SAT and/or ACT score? _____

WORK

** If you have a resume, please submit a copy of an up to date resume.

Do you currently have a job? If so, where? _____

Describe your duties: _____

On average, how many hours per week do you work? _____

May we contact your employer? (circle) Yes / No

What is his/her name and phone number? _____

LANGUAGE BACKGROUND

Language Spoken	Years Studied	Spoken at Home	Proficiency
1.		Yes / No	Fluent / Good / Fair / Poor
2.		Yes / No	Fluent / Good / Fair / Poor
3.		Yes / No	Fluent / Good / Fair / Poor

Please describe any hobbies, extra curricular activities, sports, clubs, or interests you have: _____

Have you held leadership roles in school or any outside communities? Please describe your role and any responsibilities you have/had.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

- Does a parent or legal guardian claim you on their taxes as a dependent? Yes / No
- If you answered “yes” above, how much did your parent or legal guardian earn last year? \$ _____
- Again, if you answered “yes” above, does your parent or legal guardian have any debt (e.g., credit card, student loans, car loans, mortgage, etc.)? If so, what are their **annual** payments? \$ _____
- In whose house do you currently reside? Self / Parent / Friend / Transitional

- What are **your** currently monthly expenses (inclusive of phone, cell, food, transportation, clothes, rent, entertainment, etc.)? \$ _____
- Do you currently have any debt (e.g., credit card, student loans, car loans, etc.)? If so, how much debt do you currently have? \$ _____

- Did you file your income taxes last year? Yes / No
- If you answered “yes” above, how much did you earn last year? \$ _____

- Do you currently have medical insurance? Yes / No

- Do you or your family qualify for food stamps? (circle) Yes / No

- Any other expense(s) not listed above: _____

What other methods of fundraising will you be using to cover your other expenses while overseas (such as snacks, cybercafés, laundry, gifts/souvenirs, etc.)?

ESSAYS:

Please attach a Word document or printed pages answering each of the following questions. Typically successful responses run a total of 3 full pages of essay writing.

1. Why do you want to do a group-oriented program? Describe in detail three areas of your life in which you'd like to grow. How do you think each of these three areas will be furthered by your ICDF program?
2. Please give a brief biography of your life. What about your life thus far will make you a successful candidate for the ICDF Program?
3. Why do you think you'll be successful in a university setting as a part of the ICDF program?

INFORMATION FOR LEGAL GUARDIANS AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

Dear Friends and Family of the Applicant,

The following information is gathered so that we may better understand the home life of our applicants and to ensure that you are fully aware of our program. If for any reason you have questions about ICDF, please don't hesitate to call. We can be reached preferentially by email at info@carpefoundation.org. And thank you for allowing us the opportunity to work with this amazing student!

Your Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Citizenship: _____ Occupation: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Address: Street _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Does the applicant live in your residence? (circle) Yes / No

I have read this handout explaining the International Carpe Diem Foundation's commitment to my child and my child's commitment to ICDF. I understand that if my child is granted an ICDF Scholarship he/she will be committing to:

- 1) Upholding ICDF's & Carpe Diem Education's policies**
- 2) Fulfilling their financial and/or time commitments for Community Awareness and Community Service**
- 3) Applying to Portland State University and fulfilling the credit requirements for their Carpe Diem Education program of choice**
- 4) Applying for FAFSA with Portland State University, fulfilling the PSU/FAFSA requirements to receive funds and disbursing any grant funds to ICDF (please note that loans are not required).**

I understand the commitment my child will take on and approve of my son/daughter applying for this program, please sign here:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____