



Education Aid Award Application Packet Checklist Open to students from the Greater Hartford County Area

All fully completed application packets submitted for The Pillar Community Development Corporation Educational Aid Awards **must** include the documents listed below and must be received *no later than **June 30, 2025*** at the PCDC P.O. Box 731, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

- ✓ Checklist Cover Page attached to the completed application packet
- ✓ Application Form
- ✓ Letter of acceptance from an institution of higher learning*
- ✓ Two (2) Current Letters of Recommendation for example, from a teacher, minister, guidance counselor, community or civic leader
- ✓ A Typed and double spaced 5 paragraph essay on one of the listed topics below
- ✓ Copy of final official high school transcript* or official transcript of last completed semester at current institution of higher education
- ✓ A signed Photograph and Media Release Form along with a current photograph

APPLICANT'S NAME:

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:

DATE SUBMITTED:

Only completed application packets received by The Pillar Community Development Corporation (PCDC) at P.O. Box 731, Bloomfield, CT 06002 no later than June 30, 2025 will be considered.

Award notifications will be made by August 11, 2025.

**Distribution of funds contingent upon proof of enrollment in an institution of higher learning.*

Dear Applicant:



The Pillar Community Development Corporation (PCDC) will provide educational aid awards to eligible **high school graduates** accepted to an institution of higher education and **undergraduate** college students who reside in the Greater Hartford County Area.

Eligibility requirements:

- Accepted by or already attending an undergraduate institution of higher learning
- Demonstrated service and dedication to school, church, and/or the greater community
- Participates in school, church, volunteer or leadership development activities

Guidance for a Successful Essay Submission

- o Select a topic of your choosing
- o Analyze the question and define your argument , evidence and reasoning
- o Give your essay a title
- o Organize your essay and any support data
- o Use the formatting requirements
- o Check your grammar and proofread, proofread, proofread

Choose one of the Three Essay Topics Below

1. *What role has your community played in shaping who you are today? Your community can be your church, neighborhood, school, extended family. Provide specific examples.*
2. *Share a situation where you overcame obstacles in order to achieve a goal. Give examples of what you did to succeed. Who was involved and what did they do?*
3. *If you have been a previous recipient of the PCDC Educational Aid Award, how has it impacted your educational goals?*

Please make sure to provide all the required information prior to submission. Incomplete packets will not be considered.

All applications must be mailed to The Pillar Community Development Corporation, P.O. Box 731, Bloomfield, CT 06002 and received **no later than June 30, 2025.**

Pillar Community Development

C O R P O R A T I O N

EDUCATION AID AWARD APPLICATION FORM

Please print clearly.

Status: (check one): _____ High School Graduate _____ Undergraduate

Previous Pillar Community Education Aid Award Recipient? _____ Yes _____ No

Name: _____

Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone #: (____) _____ Home Phone #: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Name of High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Overall Grade Point Average: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of Institution of Higher Learning: _____

Address of Institution: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

If undergraduate, Overall Grade Point Average: _____

Provide examples of your community services and your activities.

(Please include church, school, and/or community activities and/or organizations. You may attach additional pages or use the back of this application form.)

Organization or Activity	Position Held	Describe what you accomplished

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

For Scholarship Committee Use Only

Date Received: _____

Verified by: _____