



The What:

The International Carpe Diem Foundation (ICDF) offers scholarships for students to participate in a unique, yearlong program. Scholarships are currently full-scholarships and require that students commit to the full year program: including a fall semester on campus (currently at Portland State University), a spring group-semester overseas with on a Carpe Diem program, and a summer internship working with Mercy Corps. The focus of ICDF is to open opportunities for students from low-income families living in the Portland metropolitan area.

The How:

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. In most cases students will have already applied to Carpe Diem Education programs and will have been accepted PRIOR to applying with ICDF. However, for those students in a more challenging financial situation they may apply directly to ICDF, and therein *bypass the Carpe Diem Application fee*. Once your application has been received, you can expect a phone call followed, hopefully, by an in-person interview.

Please note: students must be eligible for entrance into Portland State University. Prior to applying for the ICDF scholarship, students MUST have taken either the SAT and/or the ACT college entrance exam, as well as have a GED or high-school diploma.

The Decision:

The decision for scholarship is based on several criteria. The goal of ICDF is to develop young leaders with a wealth of global experiences who can then return to their home community and uplift it through research and experience-based initiatives. Applicants be interested in promoting cross-border awareness both internationally and within their own community.

The Expectations:

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

- 🌍 Complete the full **years worth of university credit**,
- 🌍 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 incubator of 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

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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.

Please attach one photo of yourself to share with the ICDF staff to better know you as more than a name.

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

ICDF, PO Box 17427, Portland, OR. 97217
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 Address to Mail Letters to you:

The best method and time of day to contact you is: _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work: _____

E-mail _____ Fax _____

Mother's Name _____

Address _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work: _____

E-mail _____ Fax _____

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 phone numbers of 2 adults who know you well who are not related to you – one of them must be a former teacher or employer.

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone: _____

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Have you traveled or lived outside of the United State before? (circle) Yes / No

If yes, which countries and for how long? _____

Are you 18 or over? (circle) Yes / No

If so, 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? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (ie, felonies, misdemeanors, DUI)? (circle) Yes / No

Please Note: Answering “yes” does not mean you will be disqualified from participating in this program. Describe the incident in full on a separate sheet of paper and include this when you turn in your application. Please include what happened in full, what the charge was, what the outcome was, and your current status. Let us know if you are still on probation or parole, and please be honest. We have accepted students into our program with prior convictions.

Education, Work, 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

Do you have a job? (circle) Yes / No 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? _____

Activities 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:

Please list your family's approximate **monthly** expenses:

- Housing/Rent/Mortgage: _____
- Food: _____
- Auto/Transport: _____
- Auto/Transport Insurance: _____
- Other Transportation Costs: _____ (gas, public transportation, airfare, etc.)
- Medical/Dental Insurance: _____
- Medical/Dental Expenses: _____ (not covered by insurance)
- Utilities: _____
- Phone/Cell Phone: _____
- Cable/Internet/Satellite: _____
- Clothing: _____
- Child Care/Day Care Costs: _____
- Child Support Paid: _____
- Credit Card Payments: _____
- Personal Expenses: _____ (toiletries, etc.)
- Entertainment: _____ (movies, restaurants, gym fees, etc.)
- Any other expense(s) not listed above: _____
- Other expenses: _____
- Other expenses: _____

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

What is your **monthly** family income? _____

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



Parental Information

Dear Parents,

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 us. We can be reached at (503) 285-1800 or by email at info@carpefoundation.org. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to work with your child!

Your Name: _____

Citizenship: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Occupation: _____

Gender: (circle) Male / Female

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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:** _____