**Ascend Educational Fund, Inc**

**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SHEET 2022**

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE**

This spring, Ascend Educational Fund will award scholarships ranging from $2,500 to $20,000 to immigrant students and children of immigrants who are graduating from a New York City high school to attend public or private colleges and universities, regardless of ethnicity, national origin, or immigration status.

**Eligibility Requirements**

* Must be born outside the United States or have two parents born outside the United States
* Must be graduating high school Spring 2022 in the five boroughs of New York City
* Must enroll full-time at an accredited public or private college or university in 2022-2023

**Application Materials**

* Completed and signed application form
* Official high school transcript
* Copy of SAT or ACT score report
* Two letters of recommendation
* Two essays

**Selection Criteria and Process**

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on qualities traditionally valued and demonstrated by the immigrant community: hard work, resourcefulness, perseverance in the face of adversity, academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to one’s community. A committee drawn from the local community will review applications and select a group of finalists for interviews.

November 8, 2021 Application opens online (<https://ascendfundny.awardspring.com/>)

February 4, 2022 Application materials due

April 21, 2022 Finalists notified

May 21-22, 2022 Interviews

**Scholarship Conditions**

Scholarships will be disbursed directly to the recipient’s educational institution in equal installments over a two or four year period, depending on the type of institution. Failure to comply with the following conditions may result in the suspension or revocation of scholarship awards.

* Enroll full-time at an accredited public or private college or university
* Remain in good standing and maintain a 2.5 grade point average
* Submit yearly progress reports to Ascend Educational Fund
* Participate in mentoring provided by Ascend Educational Fund

**Additional Information**

* Application forms are available at <https://ascendfundny.awardspring.com/>
* Questions can be directed to scholarship@ascendfundny.org