



2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 25, 2018

PROGRAM GOALS

The To'utupu 'Oe 'Otu Felenite Association supports and advances the awareness of Pacific Islander issues through education and outreach. The Education Scholarships will be awarded based on the availability of funds to students who will be attending college during the 2018-2019 academic year.

TOFA does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national and ethnic origin or disability. In support of TOFA's mission and goals, TOFA encourages application from students who have Pacific Islander ancestry.

Applicant Eligibility

All student applicants must meet the following criteria:

- ☐ The student must be a resident of Sacramento
- ☐ The applicant must be currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university.
- ☐ The applicant must possess a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation must accompany the application from separate individuals, neither of whom are related to the applicant, and:
- ☐ The applicant must demonstrate commitment to the Pacific Islander community in a written personal statement.

Selection of Scholarship Recipients

TOFA Scholarship Selection Committee will make awards based on recipients having demonstrated commitment to the Pacific Islander community, abilities, academic achievements, career goals, civic activities, and leadership skills. All applicants will be notified by mail of the status of their application by **August 15, 2018**, regardless of outcome.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Driver's License (State,
#) _____

Current Street Address: _____
Street City State/Zip

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Alternate Contact#: _____
(i.e. cellphone, voicemail, work, etc.)

Mailing Address: _____
(If different from home) Street City State/Zip

**EMERGENCY CONTACT
INFORMATION**

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____
Street City State/Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

College name: _____ Location: _____

Degree seeking: _____ Major/minor: _____
Expected graduation date: _____

Current Class Year: _____ Overall GPA: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Please provide a written statement that does not exceed 2 standard letter-sized pages in total length. Put your own name and name of your school at the top of each page. Please use Times New Roman or Arial font, 12-points in size throughout.. Please address each of the following questions:

- ☐ How have you contributed to your community in the areas of diversity, leadership and service?
- ☐ What offices and positions of leadership have you held in class and school organizations?
- ☐ What academic achievements are you proud of?
- ☐ What are your career and/or educational goals?

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit two letters of recommendation that have been written within the last six (6) months (at least). The letters must clearly refer to you by name and provide comments that describe your character and abilities. A parent or close relative will not be considered a valid reference. The name, occupation, and contact information for each author must appear on the letters.

CERTIFICATIONS

- ☐ I understand that late or incomplete applications will not be considered. My ability to accurately follow instructions will be considered during the selection process.
- ☐ I understand that if I'm not able to attend, I will send someone to represent me on September 21, 2018. If recipient or representative cannot attend, they may forfeit the scholarship.
- ☐ I certify that I am currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate college student at an accredited community college, college, or university.
- ☐ I hereby authorize TOFA to use information on my application and any photos that I provide for publicity or public relations purposes.
- ☐ I certify that all of my information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I will forfeit my award if any information that I provide is found to be deliberately false, inaccurate, or misleading.

Name of Application (please print)	Signature	Date
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✓ APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Original signed application form
- ☐ Official transcripts
- ☐ Your personal statement
- ☐ Two (2) letters of recommendation
- ☐ Portrait color photo (head shot) 2 inches square and 300 dpi (600 pixels square). The photos will not be provided to the Selection Committee or used as a basis for selecting awards. Your photo will be used strictly for publicity purposes.
- ☐ A brief biography to include your hometown, college, major, career goals, hobbies, etc. (up to 750 characters)
- ☐ All materials, including your transcripts must be addressed to TOFA:

**Attn: Scholarship Program TOFA-Education
P.O. Box 221052
Sacramento, CA 95822**

Deadline: Application and materials must be postmarked by July 25, 2018. An incomplete application will not be considered.

TOFA strives to effectively promote the scholarship program. Please let us know how you heard about our program by checking one of the following:

- ☐ **College/University**
- ☐ **TOFA INC. website**
- ☐ **Press Release**
- ☐ **Social Network**
- ☐ **Relative/Friend**
- ☐ **Community Organization**

Name of Organization: _____

- ☐ **Other:** _____

Thank you for your interest in the TOFA Scholarship Program. If you have any questions, please email our Education committee at scholarships@tofainc.org or our Scholarship Chair, Dr. Liz M. Lynn at lizlynn@starstream.net, (916) 624-4444.