



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 1, 2020

PROGRAM GOALS

The To'utupu 'Oe 'Otu Felenite Association (TOFA) provides scholarships to support and encourage Pacific Islanders to further their education. The Education Scholarships will be awarded based on the availability of funds to students who will be attending college during the 2020-2021 academic year. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply.

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 students of Pacific Islander ancestry to apply for the scholarship.

Applicant Eligibility

All student applicants must meet the following criteria:

- A permanent resident in the Greater Sacramento Region
- Currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university.
- Must possess a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75
- Provide two letters of recommendation from two separate individuals not related to the applicant.
- Must demonstrate commitment to the Pacific Island community in a written personal statement.

Selection of Scholarship Recipients

TOFA scholarship Selection Committee will make awards based on the recipient having demonstrated their commitment to the Pacific Island community, academic achievements, career goals, civic activities, and leadership skills. All applications will be notified by mail of the status of their application by **Friday, May 15, 2020**, 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 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 or less. 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 a late or incomplete application 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 June 27, 2020**. 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 utilize 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 Applicant (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 P.O. Box 221052, Sacramento, CA 95822

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Application and materials must be postmarked by Friday, **May 1, 2020**. 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 the Organization: _____

- Other: _____

Thank you for your interest in the TOFA Scholarship Program. If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Oback, lucyoback@gmail.com or 916-479-0339.