



# Pacific Islander Festival Association

## 2024 Pacific Islander Festival

### 2024 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS **APRIL 1ST, 2024**

**Mail delivery must be sent by certified mail (postmarked)/emailed by APRIL 1ST**

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<b>Applicant's Full Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b> (Student must be a resident in San Diego County)	<b>City, State, Zip</b>
<b>Home/Cell Phone:</b>	<b>E-mail Address:</b>
<b>Date of Birth:</b> <b>U.S. Citizen: Yes or No</b>	<b>Ethnicity - Student must be of Melanesian, Micronesian, or Polynesian descent:</b>  <small>(**Proof of ethnicity must be submitted with application. Copy of birth certificate, parent or grandparent birth certificate or religious registry, etc)</small>
<b>Name of Parents:</b>	
<b>I understand, I must have a minimum of 3.0 Overall GPA and am a full-time student:</b>  <b>Initial: _____</b>	<b>Name of College, University or Trade School Attending:</b>  <b>Number of units completed:</b>
<b>I am including a recent photo of myself with my application.</b>  <b>Initial: _____</b>	<b>Required Attendance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must be available to interview with scholarship committee upon request.</li><li>• 2024 Pacific Islander Festival September 21 &amp; 22, Ski Beach</li><li>• July 25, 2024 Taste of the Pacific Islands Fundraiser, Bali Hai Restaurant</li><li>• Additional scheduled events will be encouraged.</li></ul> <b>Initial: _____</b>
<b>Information and material submitted will be the property of PIFA and any photos taken throughout my participation may be used by PIFA for marketing and publicity in our publications, on our website and in social media.</b>  <b>Initial: _____</b>	

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### **Required Enclosures**

- [1] Complete and submit page 1 of application.
- [2] Recent Photo must be submitted with application.
- [3] Transcripts must be ordered through school and the most recent transcript is required, January 2024. Transcripts MUST be signed, stamped with school official seal and be in a sealed envelope when submitted. This must be mailed with application or provide proof of receipt, it was ordered by APRIL 1ST.
- [4] TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ARE REQUIRED and must be signed and dated by the recommender. Recommenders may also email letters directly to PIFA.
  - (1) school teacher or counselor
  - (2) community leader or employer.
- [5] ESSAY FORMAT answering questions and topics involving accomplishments, leadership or scholastic honors/awards, Pacific Islander and community involvement/service, goals for the future and how you plan to contribute back to PIFA. Be sure to follow the categories below.
- [6] Proof of ethnicity (Melanesian, Micronesian or Polynesian descent). Examples: Birth certificate, parent(s) or grandparent(s) birth certificate, religious registry, etc.

**NOTE: Applicant may submit additional written work, photos, video and other materials etc. Applicants will be scored using a 5-Point rubric created by the PIFA Scholarship Committee for evaluation. Please examine each category carefully when submitting your application.**

### **ESSAY MUST BE INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION**

Tell us about yourself (BIO - Example: What Pacific Islander community you represent, what school are you graduating from, what school will you be attending in the fall, what is your major field of study, etc.

**Be sure to also include in your essay, the following categories:**

**Category 1: High School Academics**

- Strength of academic program, as evidence by the number of advanced placement or honors courses completed.
- Cumulative rank.
- College weighted grade point average

**Category 2: Community Service**

- Community service (e.g., tutoring, mentoring, volunteer work, fundraising, etc.)
- Leadership skills (e.g., executive positions in any organization, leading youth groups, school or civic involvement)
- Civic involvement (e.g., participating in public/private partnerships, volunteering on behalf of city programs and services, addressing/advocating the city council on issues of interest to the community, etc.)

**Category 3: Participating In Promoting Culture**

- Cultural Arts or Dance Groups
- Community work within the Pacific Islander community

**Category 4: Potential Goals to Contribute to Communities of Pacific Islanders**

- How applicant will give back to Pacific Islander community
- Native language skills
- Knowledge of your Pacific Islander ancestry

**Category 5: Letters of Recommendation**

- Must have a minimum of two letters of recommendation submitted with application.

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When application is complete, submit by certified mail and postmark by deadline:  
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Application can be emailed with title "PIFA SCHOLARSHIP 2024" to  
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