



PACIFIC ISLANDER FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 86046, SAN DIEGO CA 92138

September 15, 2024

MISS PACIFIC ISLANDER OF SAN DIEGO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Dear San Diego Student:

On behalf of the Pacific Islander Festival Association (PIFA), Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego (Miss PIFA) Scholarship Program, we invite you apply for the 2025 - 2026 Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego, cultural leadership program. This program creates a platform to support higher education among Pacific Islander youth, while creating financial and professional opportunities to develop Pacific Islander women in leadership, through service. If you are a San Diego Pacific Islander woman of Melanesian, Micronesian, and/or Polynesian indigenous ancestry and will be attending college, this opportunity is for you.

Applications may be submitted during the open registration period, March 1 - March 28, 2025, and post marked no later than the deadline.

Many of our past queens have become prominent leaders in the community. Miss PIFA 2006, Mahealani Taisague is the current treasurer of PIFA who also leads her own halau, Na Pua Ilima. Miss PIFA 2009, Lindsay Reva Coulomb is the Founder of Heiva San Diego, a local organization dedicated to promoting awareness of the people of French Polynesia and the United States together through culture, arts, and travel. Lindsay also runs her luxury events planning business, Reva Events coordinating events, festivals, and corporate gatherings. There are many past queens and princesses who have done well for themselves, many who continue to support PIFA through the years as guest emcees, in media/public relations, and leading or serving on committees.

If you have any questions about the application process or the program, please reach out to me.

We look forward to hearing from you and meeting all the 2025 Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego candidates.

Jolene M. Ibarra, Pageant Chairperson
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2025 MISS PIFA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: Application must be postmarked by **March 28, 2025**
ELIGIBLE ONLY TO RESIDENTS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CA

Applicant's Full Legal Name:												
Address:		City, State, Zip										
Contact Number(s):		E-mail address:										
Date of Birth:	Ethnicity; (refer to Contestant Qualifications)	Name of High School & Graduation Date:										
Name of Parent(s): (if a minor)		Name of College, University, Trade/Vocational School Attending or Accepted in:										
U.S. Citizen: Yes or No		Employer (If applicable)										
<u>Application Checklist</u> <u>See Contestant Qualifications and Required Enclosures for acceptable references.</u>												
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* TBD Date To Be Determined												

Contestant Qualifications

Applicants must be a female of Pacific Islander Ethnicity from the areas of Melanesia, Micronesia, or Polynesia.

1. Must be a US Citizen and a resident of San Diego County, CA.
2. High School Graduate **OR** to complete GED Testing program by **June 14, 2024**.
3. A minimum of 2.0 Overall GPA.
4. Registered as a full-time student at an accredited school within San Diego County **OR** at a Trade/Vocational school **OR** Employed and attending school minimum of halftime **OR** 6 Units within San Diego County **OR** acceptance/enrolled at an accredited school.
5. Must be between the ages of 17 and 24 years.
6. Unmarried or not have been previously married.
7. Must not have given birth to a child or be pregnant.
8. Must not have posed unclothed in any photograph, publication, social media platform, video.
9. Contestants must maintain their eligibility throughout the local competition. If awarded the Miss PIFA title, it requires a contracted commitment to reign throughout the Term and to Crown her successor.

Required Enclosures

All documents and pictures must be submitted by the application deadline and will be the property of PIFA. Application MUST be Completed with required documents, or it will NOT be accepted.

1. Recent 5 x 7 headshot of yourself.
2. Official Transcripts - Minimum 2.0 Overall GPA; High School (if a Senior & full-time student at time of application) **OR** College/Trade/Vocational; To provide the most recent Semester transcript **Spring Semester 2024**. High School transcripts must be signed by a Counselor, stamped with the official seal and be inside the sealed envelope when submitted.
3. Two (2) Letters of Recommendations, Signed & Dated; One from a Counselor/School teacher **AND** one from a Community Leader/Employer, Addressed to:
The Chairperson, Miss PIFA Scholarship Program Committee 2025
4. If employed, need Proof of Employment.
5. Letter of Acceptance from the College/Trade/Vocational School.
6. Essay (1-2 pages) stating *"Why Do I Want to Win this Title"*.
7. Essay (1-2 pages) stating accomplishments, leadership, scholastic honors, awards, Pacific Islander and
Community involvement, service and goals for the future.

Please follow the Guideline categories below to prepare your 2nd Essay. Each category will be evaluated and scored accordingly. You may submit additional written work, photos or video to support your application.

Category 1: Academics

Strength of academic program, as evidence by the type of courses completed (minimum GPA 2.0)
Cumulative rank
College weighted grade point average for High School Seniors

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.)

Required Enclosures (Continued)

Category 3: Participation 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
8. Applicant must be available for an Interview with the Miss PIFA Scholarship Program Committee upon request.
9. Must Provide Proof of Ethnicity (Melanesian, Micronesian or Polynesian descent). Example: Applicant's Birth Certificate, Parent(s) Birth Certificate, Grandparent(s) Birth Certificate.
- A Copy of a Driver's License or Government or State Issued ID.
10. Self-addressed stamped envelope to: Pacific Islander Festival Association,
P.O. Box 86046, San Diego, CA 92138 **Attention: Miss PIFA Scholarship Program 2025.**

Submit Your Completed Application by CERTIFIED MAIL, postmarked by March 23rd, 2024
Applicant may only apply to ONE program: Miss PIFA Scholarship Program
or the PIFA Scholarship Program

**Pacific Islander Festival Association, P.O. Box 86046, San Diego, CA
92138 **Attn: Miss PIFA Scholarship Program 2025****

Administrative Section

Date Application Received: _____ Circle: Complete / Incomplete

Approved: _____, President Date: _____

Approved: _____, Director in Charge Date: _____

Approved: _____, Chairperson Date: _____