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Applicant's Full Name:	
I am applying for: Please select one. For more information, see pages 2-5	
<input type="checkbox"/> High School Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Scholarship
<input type="checkbox"/> High School Service Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Service Award
Street Address:	City, State, ZIP Code:
Home/Cell Number:	Email Address:
Date of Birth:	Ethnicity*: <small>*Those applying to scholarships must be of Melanesian, Micronesian, and/or Polynesian descent.</small>
Name of High School or College/University/Trade School Attending:	
I understand...	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I must have a minimum of 3.0 Overall GPA and am a full-time student 	Initial: _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I must include a recent photo of myself with my application 	Initial: _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Initial: _____

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 - a. School teacher
 - b. Counselor
 - c. Community Leader
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- 6. **Essay:** Answer questions and topics involving: Accomplishments, leadership or scholastic honors and/or rewards; Pacific Islander and community involvement and/or services; Goals for the future; How you plan to contribute back to the Pacific Islander community. See page 6 for the full list.
- 7. **Proof of ethnicity:** Birth certificate of yourself, parents, grandparents; Religious registry, etc....
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ESSAY CATEGORIES

Please include the following categories in your essay. 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.

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- 1. Category 1 - Tell us about yourself**
Examples: 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....
- 2. Category 2 - Community Service**
Examples: 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.)
- 3. Category 3 - Promoting Culture**
Examples: Participating in cultural arts and/or dance groups; Community work within the Pacific Islander community
- 4. Category 4 - Future Goals**
Examples: How applicant will give back to the Pacific Islander community, Native language skills; Knowledge of your Pacific Islander ancestry

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