



Pacific Islander Festival Association

2021 Pacific Islander Festival

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2021 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application deadline is March 27, 2021 **(must be postmarked by March 27, 2021)**

Applications must be submitted by certified mail by the deadline date.

Applicant's Full Name:		
Address:		City, State, Zip
Home/Cell Phone:		E-mail Address:
Date of Birth:	Social Security #:	Ethnicity (Melanesian, Micronesian, or Polynesian descent.) Please provide proof of ethnicity: Examples: Birth certificate, parent birth certificate, registry, etc.
Name of Parent(s):		Name & Location of College, University:
U.S. Citizen: Yes or No	Reside in San Diego: Yes or No:	Number of Units Currently Enrolled:
Previous PIFA Scholarship Award? (Yes / No) If so, how many years? Student must be a resident of San Diego County and can attend college-away-from home		Number of Units Completed:

Information

Your attendance is encouraged at the Pacific Islander Festival scheduled for September (Date TBD).

And at the 2021 Taste of the Pacific Islands Fundraiser Event scheduled (Date TBD).

(Information and material submitted will be property of PIFA.)

Applicant may only apply to one program, either the Scholarship Program or the Miss PIFA Program.)

Required Enclosures

[1] Recent photo (wallet size photo & photo in jpg format on disk).

[2] Official College transcripts - **Minimum of 3.0 Overall GPA** (most recent semester required, January 2021, transcript must be signed, with school official seal, in an enclosed sealed envelope. Applicant must be a full time student).

[3] Two letters of recommendation to PIFA, 1- from a school teacher or counselor, **AND** 1- community leader or employer.

[4] Essay stating accomplishments, leadership or scholastic honors/awards, Pacific Islander and/or community involvement/service, goals for the future and how you plan to give back to PIFA.

[5] Applicant must be available for interview with Scholarship Review Committee upon request.

[6] Proof of ethnicity (Melanesian, Micronesian or Polynesian descent). Examples: Birth certificate, parent birth certificate, registry, etc.

Application must be complete or will not be accepted. Applicant may submit additional written work, photos or video with application requirements. 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:

Category 1: College Academics

- GPA 4.0 or above - 20 points
- GPA 3.5 - 3.99 - 15 points
- GPA 3.0 - 3.49 - 10 points

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: Participation in promoting culture

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

Category 4: Potential Goals to Contribute to Community of Pacific Islanders

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

Category 5: Letters of recommendation

- Must have minimum of two letters of recommendation attached addressed to PIFA

Applicant Essay Overview

Tell us about yourself (BIO - Example: What Pacific Islander Community you represent, what school are you currently attending, what is your Major Field of Study, etc.)

Community Service - *Address the items below*

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Participation in Promoting Culture - *Address the items below*

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

Potential Goals to Contribute to Community of Pacific Islanders - *Address the items below*

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