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Mission Statement

It is the mission of our program to provide a forum for today's young Pacific Islander women of Melanesian, Micronesian and Polynesian descent. This program was created so these young women may be able to express their voice, talents and accomplishments to compete for scholarship awards for furthering their education. The personality of these young women will be challenged with the opportunity of becoming a positive role model and ambassador during appearances throughout San Diego County representing the Pacific Islander Festival Association. This program will enable each person involved to reflect fondly of this experience, full of opportunity and accomplishments, friendships and a lifetime of memories.

Introduction

The Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego Scholarship Pageant is a scholarship program offered by the Pacific Islander Festival Association composed of volunteer members of the San Diego community. This program was created to promote the following objectives:

- To provide unique opportunities for young Pacific Islander women to win scholarship awards.
- To create and maintain a system of competition, which will enhance career opportunities and produce role models representing positive wholesome American values while promoting knowledge and awareness of Pacific Islander cultures.
- To recognize women and to encourage the spirit of those who have made outstanding contributions in all fields of endeavor.
- To utilize the Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego name to promote issues of concern to Pacific Islander women.
- To encourage and promote the role of women in all aspects of society.
- To extend the benefits of the Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego Scholarship Pageant by providing monetary funds and or services to other Pacific Islander organizations in San Diego with emphasis on Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia.
- To ensure the community and our sponsors are our partners in the success of our program.
- To encourage the spirit of volunteerism throughout the Pacific Islander Festival Association Network.
- To provide goodwill, along with the civic and economic benefits in San Diego County.

Values

Leadership:

We value people who lead by example, who respect integrity, individuality and truth and those who live and maintain the vision and values of this program.

Communication:

We are committed to open and honest communication between all pageant volunteers, committee members, participants and communities. Communication is the key to our program becoming a success.

Innovation:

We embrace the idea this program is in a constant state of change. We welcome all creative ideas that will improve all aspects of this program.

Teamwork:

We encourage individuals to promote teamwork. We value, respect and encourage everyone's opinion.

Diversity:

We value the unique background, perspective and talents of each Pacific Islander culture whose combined experiences build a stronger, more balanced program. We embrace the diversity within our representatives that participate in our program.

Character:

We are committed to a strong work ethic, integrity and honesty and treating everyone involved with this pageant with dignity and respect.

Fun:

It is our goal to provide a stimulating and exciting experience for everyone to enjoy. We promote a friendly environment for all of those participating in our program.

Fiscal Responsibility:

We encourage the careful and wise handling of the financial resources entrusted to us to be used for the benefit of the young women and the program that we serve.

Empowerment:

We strive to empower each contestant to become a better person than they were before. We hope to inspire and motivate all contestants and bring each an experience that will be positive and memorable to them.

CONTESTANT QUALIFICATIONS

1. A female of Pacific Islander ethnicity from the areas of Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia.
2. Must be a resident of San Diego, California for not less than six (6) months prior to the application deadline.
3. High School graduate by July 1, 2012 or must have successfully completed the G.E.D. testing program by June 30, 2012.
4. No younger than seventeen (17) and no older than twenty-five (25) before the day of the competition.
5. U.S. Citizen
6. Be unmarried and shall not have been previously married.
7. Not have given birth to a child or be pregnant.
8. Not have posed unclothed in any photograph or publication or video.
9. Registered as a full-time (12-15 Units) or part-time (at least 9 units) undergraduate student within San Diego County.
10. Entrant must maintain the basis upon which she claims eligibility throughout the local competition and reign if awarded title.



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RULES & REGULATIONS

1. I agree to exhibit good sportsmanship throughout the rehearsals and the pageant event.
2. I agree to be prompt for any and all scheduled meetings, rehearsals, and activities.
3. I understand and consent that my name, pictures, and video may be used in connection with the Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego Scholarship Pageant and Pacific Islander Festival Association for the purpose of advertising or trade. I agree that such photographs etc. connected therewith shall remain the property of the Pacific Islander Festival Association.
4. I understand the falsification of any information on my entry form is justification of immediate disqualification, and that the decision of the pageant, judges and Pageant Coordinator are final.
5. I understand and agree I will not hold responsible/liable the pageant coordinators, pageant committee persons, Pacific Islander Festival Association Ways and Means committee persons, Pacific Islander Festival Association and Sponsors in case of injury or accidents during participation in any pageant rehearsals, event or appearances, or in the event I should become Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego.
6. I understand that I am responsible for all my personal expenses and any costs that are associated with participating in this event (including transportation, clothing, grooming, food and other expenses).
7. I have read and agree to abide by all the rules and regulations set down by the Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego Scholarship Pageant.
8. I understand that failure to abide by all the rules and regulations is justification for immediate disqualification.
9. **I WILL PROVIDE A COPY OF MY CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND BIRTH CERTIFICATE BY MAY 15, 2012.**

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____
(If contestant is under 18)

*In the event that all obligations are not met, the contestant will not be allowed to participate in the event.



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CONTESTANT RELEASE AND AGREEMENT

I, _____ Date of Birth, _____
Residence Address _____
Home Phone Number _____ Cell _____
Social Security Number _____
California Driver's License Number or ID _____
Email Address _____

Please provide a copy of your Birth Certificate and your California Driver's License or ID and current report card or transcript.

I, hereby apply for eligibility in the **MISS PACIFIC ISLANDER OF SAN DIEGO SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT**, and agree if accepted as your Miss Pacific Islander, to do the following:

1. I have truthfully disclosed my age, (contestants must be 17 by May 1 of the pageant year and not yet 25 years of age by May 1 of the pageant year) a US Citizen, resident of San Diego, of Pacific Islander descent (Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia) and will fully disclose all reasonably necessary personal data as requested by the pageant. I certify that I have been a resident of San Diego at least 6 months prior to application deadline.
2. I am single, have never given birth to a child, never have been married and I am of good moral character.
3. If selected as Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego, I understand I will reign for the ensuing year and will appear at events as requested by the Pageant Committee, and be a representative to the best of my ability. I will keep in mind that I will be awarded the scholarship money in two disbursements from the Pacific Islander Festival Association if I appear at the Taste of the Pacific Islands event, attend the Pacific Islander Festival, and remain in school until the end of my reign. In the case of an emergency and I am not able to attend one or both events, my absence must be approved by the Pageant Committee and I understand a member of the queen's court may fill in for my title. I understand the scholarship check will be made payable to the education institution directly.
4. I will obtain my own transportation to and from appearances. I will save and hold harmless, the Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego Pageant Committee, Pacific Islander Festival Association Ways and Means Committee and the Pacific Islander Festival Association from all costs and liabilities connected therewith.

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5. I will indemnify and hold harmless the Pageant Committee members, Pacific Islander Festival Association Ways and Means Committee members, Pacific Islander Festival Association, Sponsors and its representatives from all claims, causes and action, suits accruing or resulting from damage, injury, or loss.
6. My name, any photographs and any videos may be used by the Pacific Islander Festival Association for publicity purposes.
7. If crowned Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego, I will not enter any other pageant, unless approve by the Pageant Director(s), until I relinquish my title as Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego, and I will maintain my residence in San Diego County.
8. If, for any reason, I should move away or be unable or unwilling, to fulfill my year's reign as Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego, I will relinquish my crown, title and scholarship funding to the first runner up and she will complete the year. This also applies if I should win another title that prevents me from fulfilling my year's reign. This will be determined solely by the Pageant Committee.
9. I will not smoke, or drink alcoholic beverages while appearing as Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego. I will not chew gum during my appearances as Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego. I will not display any piercing other than earrings at public appearances.
10. The Pageant Coordinator(s) reserves the right to retrieve my title should I not uphold this respectable pageant system by my actions, public behavior and private image. I will wear conservative clothing that represents my cultural heritage to all public appearances. The Pageant Committee has discretion over wardrobe choices. At no time is the titleholder to use foul or improper language in public. Significant others are not allowed to accompany Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego to public appearances. Public displays of affection at anytime while representing PIFA are not allowed.
11. I agree that I will not incur, nor am I authorized to incur any debts on behalf of the Pacific Islander Festival Association.
12. I agree that I will not solicit or accept any prizes, gifts, or money or endorse any product in the name of Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego unless approved by the Pageant Coordinator.

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13. In the event that I should marry, become pregnant, or if my conduct is in any way damaging to the Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego Scholarship Pageant or the Pacific Islander Festival Association I will forfeit the crown, title and scholarship funding.
14. I will maintain bi-monthly contact with my Pageant Coordinator and return all telephone calls and emails to them within 24 hours of receiving them. Should my phone number change I will notify the Pageant Coordinator(s) immediately.
15. I have not as of this date, appeared or posed nude in any photographs, movies, videos, or publications, nor will I from the date of this application and until my reign as Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego is over.
16. I will train exclusively with the Pageant Coordinator for any approved pageant during my reign.
17. I will promote the Pacific Island culture that I am representing and also other Pacific Islander cultures, and act as Ambassador of goodwill.
18. I will promote the next year's pageant by recruiting other possible candidates at all appearances I attend, etc. at the request of the Pageant Coordinator(s).
19. Falsification or violation of any of the above will result in immediate disqualification, and the removal of title and crown and the returning of any gifts and awards received. Sole discretion as to whether forfeiture shall occur shall lie with the Pageant Coordinator(s).

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WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I, _____ agree that I am appearing in the Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego Scholarship Pageant voluntarily and by doing so I assume all the risks incumbent upon my entry into such pageant. I agree to hold harmless the Pageant Coordinators, Pageant Committee, Pacific Islander Festival Association Ways and Means Committee, Pacific Islander Festival Association and/or organizations and sponsors connected with this pageant, from all liability from loss, damage or injury to my person or my property arising out of or incident to my performance in this pageant, including without limitation, all damages whether or not resulting from the negligence of the Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego Scholarship Pageant, Pacific Islander Festival Association Ways and Means Committee, Pacific Islander Festival Association and its officers, agents and representatives.

I hereby assume all risks connected with the production and presentation of this pageant, and I certify that I am well aware of all such risks and have entered into the competition with no reservation whatsoever in this regard

PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I, _____, hereby give permission to the Pageant Committee of the Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego Scholarship Pageant, Pacific Islander Festival Association Ways and Means Committee and Pacific Islander Festival Association to use any or all pictures taken of me during my participation with the pageant I the news media, publications, or other non-commercial purpose whatsoever.

Executed on, _____ at _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

I/WE, parent/parents, guardian/guardians of, _____ have read the foregoing and agree to all the terms conditions including the waiver of liability and assumption of risk provisions for and on behalf of my/our daughter.

Signature of Parents _____

Date _____



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PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

CONTESTANT NO. _____

Full Name & Phonetic Spelling		DOB	
Mom's name		Dad's name	
Age:		Height:	
		Hair Color	
		Eye Color	

1. Name of school you attend/planning to attend:	
2. Occupation:	
3. Accomplishments/Awards:	
4. Special Hobbies/interests/unusual talents:	
5. Outside Activities (clubs)/special training:	
6. Person you most admire, why?	
7. Favorite Place in San Diego:	
8. Philosophy in life (10 words or less):	
9. Future plans, career goals, ambitions:	
10. Best asset:	
11. Favorite Food:	
12. Pet Peeve:	



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BIOGRAPHY HINTS

1. Type neatly. Your judges will be reading this. Do not forget to use spell check!!!!
2. Be thorough with information.
3. Do NOT abbreviate.
4. When answering questions think about your life. Information about you should be specific enough to separate you from other contestants. Be proud of what makes you different.
5. Keep a copy of your biography to study for your interview.
6. Use your biography form for others to "question" you in practice.
7. Be consistent on all forms.
8. Biography (disk and hard copy) is due by **June 12, 2012**.
9. Honesty is extremely important!!!! Do not include any information that is not really you. Anything on your bio is fair game to be questions by the judges. If you say you can speak Spanish be prepared for a judge to test you if you are fluent!!!
10. Please contact Jasmine Cone at 619-251-5090 or Tula Striffler at 619-306-9817 with any questions. If you need help please ask us as soon as possible.



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TIPS FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEW

- BUSINESS CASUAL OR SEMI FORMAL PACIFIC ISLANDER ATTIRE
- HANDSHAKE IF COMFORTABLE AND JUDGES ARE CLOSE ENOUGH (NOT TOO WEAK OR TOO STRONG)
- DO NOT SIT ON EDGE OF SEAT (SIT BACK WITH LEGS CROSSED AT ANKLE)
- GREAT SITTING POSTURE THOROUGHOUT THE INTERVIEW
- KNOW WHO THE JUDGES ARE- TAKE THE TIME TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE JUDGES ON THE DAY OF THE PAGEANT
- DON'T SAY WHAT YOU THINK THEY WANT TO HEAR- BE SINCERE
- EYE CONTACT- MOST IMPORTANT & NO COLOGNE
- HIGH ENERGY- ENTHUSIASM A MUST
- TAKE TIME TO ELABORATE ON YOUR ANSWERS
- HAIR AND MAKE-UP NATURAL
- PREPARE FOR CONTROVERSIAL OPINIONS OF JUDGES, RESPECT EVERYONE'S OPINION
- BE PREPARED FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT COLLEGE
- BE PREPARED FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CULTURE
- ALWAYS BE GRACIOUS
- MOST LIKELY THEY WILL ESPECIALLY REMEMBER THE LAST FEW THINGS YOU TALK ABOUT
- THANK THEM AT THE END OF THEIR TIME
- CONSIDER THIS INTERVIEW AS A JOB INTERVIEW WITH CULTURAL FLAIR!!



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AREAS OF COMPETITION

Personal Interview: 40 points

Contestants speak with the panel of judges for 7-10 minutes in their Pacific Island attire of her choice. Evaluation will be based on overall personality, self-expression, diction, poise, cultural knowledge and intelligence.

Talent: 10 points

Contestants will be given 3.30 minutes to perform a Pacific Island style talent of their choice. This may be a dance, chant, instrument playing session, etc. You will have to perform this dance on your own and be able to supply any props needed. You will be given 1 minute to set up any props needed. You may have one assistant to help set up your props. No fire is allowed during this event.

You will also be given 30 seconds-1 minute to provide the title of your talent, what culture it represents, what your performance symbolizes, and why you selected to do this talent.

*For every 15 seconds over the time limit, you will be deducted 5 points from your overall score.

Pacific Island Attire: 15 points

Contestants will be judged in their Pacific Islander attire representing their heritage/culture. This will be a formal dress. Evaluation will be based on overall appearance poise, posture, projection of personality.

Essay: 25 points

Your essays submitted with your application will be included in your scores. The judges will be given the essays at least one week prior to the interview pageant. The essays will be read and judged by the judges.

Poise and Personality: 10 points

The judges are asked to look back and give you a score based on their overall impression of you with emphasis on your interview and performance on stage.

At least three qualified individuals will be judging the pageant. They will not be looking for the perfect contestant. Rather, they are looking for someone who has an overall package of personality, intelligence, community spirit and can represent her heritage throughout the year as a goodwill ambassador!!!



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MISS CHARITY AWARD COMPETITION

The Miss Charity Award Competition was added to the Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego Scholarship Pageant in 2012. This area of competition supports the program's mission of encouraging the spirit of volunteerism. It also provides an opportunity for contestants to be given an opportunity to compete for additional scholarship awards. The Miss Charity Award is not included in the score of the areas of competition mentioned on the previous page.

THREE opportunities will allow contestants to compete for the Miss Charity Award:

- 1. 10TH ANNUAL TASTE OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TICKETS SALES:**
Contestants are encouraged to sell at least 10 tickets to the 10th Annual Taste of the Pacific Islands. You will be given 20 but not more than 50 tickets to sell at a time to this year's Taste of the Pacific Islands event. You are not able to sell more than 75 tickets. You must submit payment for all tickets received in order to receive more.

We will provide a log to track the names and number of your sales. You will have from May 16, 2012 (orientation) through **July 6th, 2012** at 6:00 P.M to sell as many as you are able, so long as tickets are available. Please make arrangements to meet Tula Striffler to transfer your payments by the deadline.

Note: You will not be able to sell tickets to PIFA members unless PIFA Members choose to purchase their tickets at the regular price. Your parents will also be provided two complimentary tickets and you should not include their tickets in your count.

- 2. 18th ANNUAL FESTIVAL PROGRAM BOOKLET ADVERTISEMENTS:**
Contestants are encouraged to sell at least 1 advertisement page in this year's Pacific Islander Festival Program Booklet. If you would like to sell more, it will increase your opportunity for the Miss Charity Award. You are not limited as to how many advertisements you solicit. You will have from May 16, 2012 (orientation) through **July 6th, 2012** at 6:00 P.M to sell as many ads as you are able. All program advertisements must be submitted with form and payment by the due date.
Final Advertisements are Due to the PIFA program Chairperson by August 15, 2012. -Sample of the advertisement page and the file on a CD-R must be provided or emailed to salaniosamo@cox.net by the deadline to ensure the advertisement is added to the PIFA program booklet.

3. 9TH ANNUAL MISS PACIFIC ISLANDER OF SAN DIEGO TICKET SALES:

Contestants are encouraged to sell at least 10 tickets to the 9th Annual Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego Scholarship Pageant. You will have from May 16, 2012 (orientation) through July 6th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. to sell as many tickets as you are able.

The proceeds raised from this area of the competition benefit the Miss Charity Award, the Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego Scholarship Pageant, the PIFA Scholarship Program and the Pacific Islander Festival.