



# Pacific Islander Festival Association

## 2021 Pacific Islander Festival

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### 2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE 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 of High School & Date of Graduation:
U.S. Citizen: Yes or No	Reside in San Diego: Yes or No	Name & Location of College, University or Trade School Accepted to:
Student must be a resident of San Diego County		

#### Information

Your attendance is encouraged at the Pacific Islander Festival scheduled in 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 hardcopy and jpg version on disk)
- [2] Official High School transcripts – **Minimum of 3.0 Overall GPA** (most recent semester transcript required, January 2021). Transcript must be signed, stamped with official seal and be in a sealed envelope when submitted. Applicant must be a full-time student.
- [3] Letter of acceptance to community college, university or trade school.
- [4] Two letters of recommendations to PIFA. One from a school teacher or counselor, and One from a community leader or employer.
- [5] Essay *stating* accomplishments, leadership or scholastic honors/awards, Pacific Islander and community involvement/service, goals for the future and how you plan to give back to PIFA. Fill out all 4 sections (see below)
- [6] Applicant must be available for interview with Scholarship Review Committee upon request.
- [7] Proof of ethnicity (Melanesian, Micronesian or Polynesian descent). Examples: Birth certificate, parent birth certificate, registry, etc.

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

#### Category 5: Letters of recommendation

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

## Applicant Essay Overview

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.)

## Community Service - *Address the items below*

- Community service (e.g., tutoring, mentoring, volunteer work, fundraising, etc.)
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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