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2026 High School Scholarship Application Form

Name	Date of Birth	
Address	Telephone No.	
	Email Address:	
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION		
Father's Name	Father's Phone No.	
Mother's Name	Mother's Phone No.	
Legal Guardian's Name (If applicant is not living with a parent)	Legal Guardian's Phone No.	
SCHOOL AND GRADE INFORMATION		
Name of High School		
Principal's Name	Principal's Phone No.	
Counselor's Name	Counselor's Phone No.	
GPA		
Family Members with Pacific Islander Heritage (Please check all that applies)		
Father <u> </u> PAOA Member? Y_ N_	Mother <u> </u> PAOA Member? Y_ N_	<u> </u> Paternal Grandfather, PAOA Member? Y_ N <u> </u> Paternal Grandmother PAOA Member? Y_ N
Maternal Grandmother <u> </u> PAOA Member? Y_ N	Maternal Grandfather <u> </u> PAOA Member? Y_ N	
Applicant's Signature	Date	

The Polynesian Association of Alaska, Inc. (PAOA) is proud to offer its 2026 Scholarship Program application. PAOA will award **UP** to \$1,000.00 scholarship to deserving high school graduates. First **UP** to 2 scholarships completed applications with requirements, will be awarded, first come first served with completed requirements. Awards will presented at PAOA's Annual Banquet and Ball.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

- High School Senior graduating in May 2026
- Must graduate from a high school within the Alaska School District, Private School, home school.
- Pacific Island Heritage (at least 50%)
- Grade point average of at least 3.0
- Student must be accepted as a full-time student by either a business, trade or college institution

PAOA Scholarship Review Committee selects the winners based on the following scoring points:

- 30 points - Academic Achievement/GPA
- 20 points – Essay
- 20 points – Applicant's PAOA participation (Volunteering in PAOA activites)
- 15 points - Student Leadership and/or Extracurricular Activities (ex: Student Government, Orchestra, ROTC, etc.)
- 10 points – Parent/s current and active member of PAOA, Inc. or another Non-Profit Organization. (certificate of appreciation or letter for volunteer services proof required).

Application Requirements:

Important: ALL required documents must be complete to be considered for scoring!

- Completed HS Scholarship Application Form _____
- Photo (colored) _____
- A Copy of High School Transcript with Cumulative GPA _____
- Essay (No more than 500 words.) Essay must include the following:

Part I: Personal Information: Please include information about yourself that you would like the Selection Committee to know – where you were born, your family background, your hopes and dreams, and your plans for the future.

Part II: Answer the question: What does being Pacific Islanders mean to you and what have you done to promote Pacific Island values and traditions that are important to you?

- Proof of involvement in PAOA activities or other Non Profit Org, Community Services, Student Leadership, Extracurricular Activities.
- Acceptance Letter from a Business, Trade or College Institution
- Two Letters of Recommendations signed: one from a community member and one from a current teacher.

For all inquiries, please contact Lucy Hansen at paoaakaska@gmail.com. Completed application form with required materials must be postmarked by July 1, 2026, they can email to paoaakaska@gmail.com or mailed to:

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Attn: High School Scholarship Program
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