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### 2024 High School Scholarship Application Form

Name	Date of Birth
Address	Telephone No.
	Email Address:
<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION</b>	
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.
<b>SCHOOL AND GRADE INFORMATION</b>	
Name of High School	
Principal's Name	Principal's Phone No.
Counselor's Name	Counselor's Phone No.
GPA	
Family Members with Pacific Island Heritage (Please check all that applies)	
Father _____ PAOA Member? Y_ N _	Mother _____ PAOA Member? Y_ N _
Maternal Grandmother _____ PAOA Member? Y_ N _	Maternal Grandfather _____ PAOA Member? Y_ N _
_____ Paternal Grandfather, PAOA Member? Y_ N	_____ Paternal Grandmother PAOA Member? Y_ N
Applicant's Signature	Date

The Polynesian Association of Alaska, Inc. (PAOA) is proud to offer its 2024 Scholarship Program application. PAOA will award **UP** to \$1,000.00 scholarship to deserving high school graduates. First **UP** to 5 scholarships completed applications with requirements, will be awarded. Awards will presented at PAOA's Annual Banquet and Ball. At this time, awarding ceremony is yet to be determined by PAOA's Board of Directors.

**APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:**

- High School Senior graduating in May 2024
- Must graduate from a high school within the Anchorage School District or Private 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 activities)
- 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 [paoaalaska@gmail.com](mailto:paoaalaska@gmail.com). Completed application form with required materials must be postmarked by July 1, 2024, they can email to [paoaalaska@gmail.com](mailto:paoaalaska@gmail.com) or mailed to:

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