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2026 College or University 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.	
What year did/will you receive a high school diploma or GED?		
High School or GED School Name :	City:	State:
High School Student Only: GPA_____	College GPA_____ Undergraduate GPA_____	
Graduated GPA: _____		
College or Univ. attended:	Dates attended:	Degree Earned:
Family Members with Pacific Islander Heritage (Please check all that applies)		
Father <input type="checkbox"/> PAOA Member? Y_ <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> PAOA Member? Y_ <input type="checkbox"/> N	Mother <input type="checkbox"/> PAOA Member? Y_ <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Paternal Grandfather, PAOA Member? Y_ <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Paternal Grandmother PAOA Member? Y_ <input type="checkbox"/> N	
Maternal Grandmother <input type="checkbox"/> PAOA Member? Y_ <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Maternal Grandfather <input type="checkbox"/> PAOA Member? Y_ <input type="checkbox"/> N		
Applicant must graduate from any Alaska High Schools, Home school, Vocation or Trade school, and Applicant must register at a college, university, vocation or trade school located in Alaska and Outside of Alaska. Applicant must submit proof of accepted and registration in a School of their choice with the application.		
School Name:	City:	State:
Major Field of study:	Next Degree:	
Next expected College graduation date:		
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 \$1,200.00 scholarship to deserving College/University Students. 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:

- Must graduated from a high school within the Alaska 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 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 paoa.alaska@gmail.com. Completed application form with required materials must be postmarked by July 1, 2026, they can email to paoa.alaska@gmail.com or mailed to:

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