

The Polynesian Association of Alaska, Inc. (PAOA) is proud to offer its 2022 Scholarship Program application. PAOA will award **UP** to (5) \$1,000.00 scholarships 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 2023
- Must graduate from a high school with in the State of Alaska, Public, Private or Alternative Schools.
- 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 in or outside of Alaska.

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

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

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 Island 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: 1 from a community leader & 1 from a current teacher **OR** 1 from educator professor (teacher or principal) & 1 from students school counselor.

For all inquiries, please contact Lucy Hansen at lucythansen@gci.net, or paoaalaska@gmail.com.

Completed application form with required materials must be postmarked by August 1, 2023 and mailed to:

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