



Pacific Islanders' Cultural Association

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PACIFIC ISLANDERS' CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (PICA) EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

AREA OF STUDY: Any Major: Higher Education, Professional or Trade School

SCHOLARSHIP: \$1000 for 2008-2009 school year.

DEADLINE: Application and accompanying documents must be **postmarked no later than JUNE 2, 2008**

AWARD DATE: Sunday, August 3, 2008

ELIGIBILITY

1. Preference is given to applicants of Pacific Islander descent (Polynesian, Melanesian or Micronesian).
2. The applicant's home of residence must be within one of these California counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Marin, Monterey, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, or within these boundaries.
3. Applicant must be sponsored by a community leader who has worked with you as a student, volunteer or mentor.*
4. Applicant must have graduated from High School or obtained a GED prior to the AWARD DATE above.
5. Recipients must enroll in and maintain at least 12 units each quarter or semester during the academic year listed above at a Community College; four-year College or University; Trade or Professional School.
6. A maximum of four scholarships may be awarded during an applicant's post-high school career.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed scholarship application.
2. Transcripts from last year of high school or current post-high school term.
3. Two letters of recommendation (one must be from your community leader sponsor).
4. Copy of current class schedule or school registration for current term. (Your last current schedule of completed classes is acceptable).
5. On no more than 1 page in at least 12 point font, please state 1) financial need, 2) educational goals, 3) career objectives, 4) ethnic background, 5) your cultural ties to the community, 6) community service and finally 7) why you think you should be awarded this scholarship.
6. Interviews may be required of scholarship finalists and may be held in a location in the San Francisco, East Bay, or South Bay areas.
7. Have your **sponsor** reply to the following questions in at least 12 point font (1 page maximum):
 - a) What is your relationship to the applicant and how long have you known him/her?
 - b) Please describe why this applicant would be a good candidate for this award.

* For example, the sponsor may be an individual, school administrator, Kumu Hula of an active halau, or President or leader of a Pacific Islander related organization.