



## 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:** \$1,000 for 2026-2027

**DEADLINE:** Application and accompanying documents must be delivered by email to [picascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:picascholarships@gmail.com) no later than **June 30, 2026**.

**AWARD DATE:** Sunday, August 9, 2026

**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, Sonoma, or within those counties' 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 (last current schedule or completed classes is acceptable).
5. On **one page** in at least 12-point font, please state:
  - a. Financial need
  - b. Educational goals
  - c. Career objectives
  - d. Ethnic background
  - e. Your cultural ties to the community
  - f. Community service
  - g. 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.
8. Please include a current color photo.
9. Scholarship recipients are requested to volunteer at festival one or both days upon availability.

\* 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.



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**PICA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026-2027**

**Personal Information**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Information**

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**College Information**

Name of School/College: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Information**

Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor:** Please type a reply to the questions on the eligibility page, as indicated under the REQUIREMENTS section.

**Applicants and sponsors: Please type or print all information. If the information is not clear, it may disqualify the application. Applications must be received by email or postmarked no later than June 30, 2026.**

Email is preferred to: [picascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:picascholarships@gmail.com)

Mail application to: Pacific Islanders' Cultural Association  
c/o Ong and Kimura, Inc.  
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San Francisco, CA 94115