

# 2023 SAMOAN CULTURAL CELEBRATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

## OVERVIEW

Ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to this year's high school seniors who are of Samoan or part-Samoan heritage and plan to enroll in 2 year or 4 year college/university for Fall 2023 Semester. The scholarships are sponsored by the Samoan Cultural Celebration Committee, a group affiliated with the Asia Pacific Culture Center (APCC) in Tacoma, Washington. Seniors attending high schools in the State of Washington are encouraged to apply.

**To apply online, go to <https://bit.ly/apccsamoascholarship>.**

Completed applications can be printed and mailed to: "2023 Samoan Scholarships, ATTN: Lua Pritchard, Executive Director, APCC" in the subject line, address: 3513 East Portland Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98404. You may also email your completed application to [faaluaina@asiapacificculturalcenter.org](mailto:faaluaina@asiapacificculturalcenter.org).

If you have any questions, contact Vaelupemaua Talamoni at 253-383-3900 or her cell at 253-449-7454. You can also contact Daniel Pritchard at 253-241-8700, [drpritchard35@gmail.com](mailto:drpritchard35@gmail.com).

Applications are also available with Senior Counselors of your high schools, church Pastors, and from the APCC Center at 3513 East Portland Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98404.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Must be of Samoan or part-Samoan heritage
- Senior attending any high school in the State of Washington
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Letter of Acceptance to a 2- or 4-year college, university, or trade school

## REQUIREMENT

- Complete the entire application and the attached (3) three Essay Questions.
- Provide a certified high school transcript, to be mailed by the high school to: Please hand deliver to APCC asap.
- Two letters of Recommendations from any school official (teacher, counselor, or coach), church official, or community member who knows you well.
- Application package is due July 10, 2023

## **PROCESS & DEADLINE**

- July 10, 2023 at 5pm: Application packet due date
- July 11, 2023: Applications Review by Scholarship Committee
- July 11, 2023: Final Selection of Scholarship Recipients
- July 12, 2023: Notification to Recipients via mail and email
- Saturday, July 28, 2023: Cultural Celebration Day and Scholarship Awards @ Glass of Museum, Tacoma, WA.

Successful applicants will be announced and presented their awards during the Event Programs, and must attend to be awarded and acknowledged. If you are unable to attend with a valid reason, you may designate your parent(s) to accept your award on your behalf. You will be notified of the event with instructions by mail and a phone call follow-up from the Scholarship Committee.

Note that in addition to your scholarship awards, you and your (2) parents will be special guests at the Samoan Cultural Celebration Dinner Banquet on July 28, 2023. The location and time of this event will be announced in your Scholarship Awards Letter and notification.

## **RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS ENCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE TO:**

Samoan Scholarship Awards Committee  
Attn: Faaluaina Pritchard, Executive Director  
Asia Pacific Cultural Center  
3513 East Portland Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98404

# 2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

## Contact Information:

Mailing Address - Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents or Legal Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address of Parents or Legal Guardians (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Information of Parents or Legal Guardians: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## High School Education

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ (On a 4.0 scale)

Are you the first person in your immediate family to go to college/university: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Address of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any student groups, after-school programs, and academic awards while in high school: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Volunteer Work & Other Interests**

List your hobbies and community volunteer work (i.e. family, church, sports, etc.):

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List your service and extra curricula awards (i.e. church, sports, community organizations):

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**College, University or Trade School**

List colleges/universities you have been accepted to: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have not been accepted to any colleges/universities, list up to 2 that you have applied to and are waiting for acceptance:

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Choose **ONE** of the following majors you are interested in. Write in if interested major is not listed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting       | <input type="checkbox"/> History           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business         | <input type="checkbox"/> Math              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering      | <input type="checkbox"/> Science           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English          | <input type="checkbox"/> _____             |

**On a separate sheet of paper, please write an essay (1/2 page or more for each question) answering the questions below. All responses must be typed or print clearly. PLEASE ATTACHED a good photo HEAD SHOT of YOU ONLY with your essays.**

1. Describe how volunteer or community service has shaped who you are today.
2. Discuss any challenges you have dealt with family, school, church, social settings, and how you handled them. Explain how this experience would help you succeed in college, career and life.
3. Describe your life in being Samoan or part-Samoan, Faasamoa, culture and language practices in your family, church, and community.