

2026 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 2026 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: "2026 Samoan Scholarships, ATTN: Lua Pritchard, Executive Director, APCC" in the subject line, address: 4851 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma, WA 98409. You may also email your completed application to 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.

Applications are also available with Senior Counselors of your high schools, church Pastors, and from the APCC Center at 4851 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma, WA 98409.

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, 2026

PROCESS & DEADLINE

- July 10, 2026 at 5pm: Application packet due date
- July 11, 2026: Applications Review by Scholarship Committee
- July 11, 2026: Final Selection of Scholarship Recipients
- July 12, 2026: Notification to Recipients via mail and email
- Saturday, July 23, 2026, 6:30 pm: Cultural Celebration Day and Scholarship Awards @ Samoa Community Banquet @ APCC - 4851 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma, WA 98409

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 Samoa Community Banquet on July 23, 2026.

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
4851 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma, WA 98409

2026 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: _____

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

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: _____

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

Volunteer Work & Other Interests

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

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

College, University or Trade School

List colleges/universities you have been accepted to: _____

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

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.