



HAWAI'I'S DAUGHTERS GUILD OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Hawai'i's Daughters Guild, Inc. (HDG) was established in 1970 with a commitment to assist women of Pacific Islander ancestry with achieving their educational objectives through the awarding of annual academic scholarships. Our scholarship can be used towards tuition for trade schools, community colleges, undergraduate and graduate degrees, extension programs, and those returning to college. Annual scholarship disbursement is as follows:

- Community College/ Trade School/ Extension Program Tuition -- \$50
- Undergraduate Tuition -- \$1500
- Graduate Tuition -- \$2000

Book Grant now included in our award! As a scholarship recipient, in addition to the money allocated for tuition, each recipient can receive up to \$1,000 (\$333/ quarter or \$500/ semester) to be used towards books. ¹

Eligibility Requirements

Only applicants who meet the following criteria will be considered:

- A woman of Pacific Islander ancestry
- A California resident
- A GPA of at least 3.0

In addition, scholarship applicants must meet ONE of the following requirements:

- 1) Enrolled as a full-time student (as defined by the academic institution) at an accredited college or university;
- 2) Enrolled as a full-time student in the academic year immediately following scholarship award (for recipients who did not attend college after high school graduation);
- 3) Continuing as a full-time undergraduate student;
- 4) Enrolled as a full-time graduate student.

General Criteria

Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis with consideration given to scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community service, financial need, background, and goals as described in the autobiographical essay.

Required Application Materials

- Application
- *Transcripts.* High school and undergraduate applicants must submit high school and college/university transcript(s). Graduate applicants are only required to submit college/university transcripts (from all colleges/universities attended). Unofficial transcripts will be accepted for the application process. **All award recipients will be required to send an official transcript within 1 month of their award notification.**
- Three letters of recommendation
- Autobiographical Essay
- Proof of Pacific Islander Ancestry (birth certificate, genealogy)

¹ *The Hawai'i's Daughters Guild of CA Book Grant is a reimbursement program available to qualified and approved scholarship candidates. Verification of class schedule and copies of receipts are required. The Hawai'i's Daughters Guild of CA has the right to rescind this grant if satisfactory proof has not been met.*

Application Deadline

All application materials must be sent to hdgofca@gmail.com by 11:59 pm on April 15, 2023.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all application materials, including transcripts and letters of recommendation, are submitted by the deadline. Please submit all application materials, excepting the letter of recommendations, in a single email. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Applicants with questions or concerns should email hdgofca@gmail.com

Award Notification

Applicants will be notified of scholarship decisions no later than June 30. Scholarship awards are paid directly to the recipient's college or university.

Application Guidelines

- Please type clearly. Font size should be no smaller than 12 pt.
- Answer all of the questions completely.
- Do not leave any question unanswered (even if you are a returning HDG scholarship applicant).
- If you have no information to provide, please write "None" or "N/A" (not applicable).
- If you require additional space to complete your answers, you may include this information on the bottom of the document that contains your essay. Please clearly label what questions you will be continuing.

Letters of Recommendation

- Three letters of recommendation are required.
- Only letters that have not been read by the applicant will be accepted.
- For high school applicants, at least one letter must be written by a high school principal, teacher, or counselor.
- For applicants currently in college, at least one letter must be written by a college/university instructor/professor, teaching assistant, or dean.
- The remaining two letters may be from academic or non-academic individuals (e.g. minister, employer, community service director, etc.).

All letters of recommendation writers must email letters of recommendation directly to hdgofca@gmail.com. Both letter writers and applicants must sign the document found on pages 8-9 to confirm that the letter has not been read by the applicant.

Authorization Information

Initial

I release to the Hawai'i's Daughters Guild of California the right to access all of my current and ongoing personal and academic records and transcripts. If awarded a scholarship, I understand that I must meet the scholarship criteria for the Hawai'i's Daughters Guild. I understand that my name and information from my academic history may be released to the scholarship selection committee(s). I also understand that if I receive this scholarship, I will be required to send my official transcript(s) to the Hawai'i's Daughters Guild of California within 1 month of my award notification or my scholarship may be revoked.

Initial

If awarded a scholarship, I release to the Hawai'i's Daughters Guild of California, the right to use my name, story, and picture for printed and video materials, reports, and press releases, without compensation. I also understand that if awarded a scholarship, I will attend the Hawai'i's Daughters Guild of California Lū'au (held in October), or someone will attend on my behalf. Additionally, I recognize that if I receive this scholarship, I will be required to a send a letter to the Hawai'i's

College/University Attended (include date of attendance and degree(s) earned (if any) *Transcripts for all colleges/ universities attended must be submitted:* _____

Part II. Honors, Awards, Distinctions

Please list and any academic and/or non-academic honors, awards, and special community distinctions you have received.

Answer continues on a separate sheet

Part III. Extracurricular Activities

Please list and describe your extracurricular activities (e.g. sports, clubs, sororities, student government, etc.)

Answer continues on a separate sheet

Part IV. Community Service Activities

Please list and describe any community service experience including the amount of time involved in each activity.

Answer continues on a separate sheet

Part V. Employment

Are you currently employed? YES NO

If so, please provide the name, address, and telephone number of your employer.

Please describe your position and the average number of hours you work per week.

Part VI. Other Activities or Obligations

Please describe any activities, obligations, or factors that affect the use of your time, including, but not limited to, family obligations, special projects, and rehearsals. Indicate the approximate amount of time per week spent on each activity or obligation.

Answer continues on a separate sheet

Part VII. College/University Information (FOR HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS ONLY)

Please list the name and address of all colleges/universities to which you have applied

1. _____	2. _____
_____	_____
3. _____	4. _____
_____	_____

Please list the name and address of all colleges/universities to which you have been accepted.

Which college/university do you plan to attend? _____

Please provide the institution's name, address, and telephone number: _____

Have you officially accepted their offer of admission? YES NO

Part VIII. Financial Questions

How will you fund your college tuition? _____

How will you fund your college books and supplies? _____

Where do you plan to live while attending college? _____

If you plan to live at home, will you contribute financially to the household expenses? Please explain.

Answer continues on a separate sheet

If you plan to live on campus, please indicate the cost of room and board per year. _____

If you plan to live off campus, but not at home, please estimate the amount you will need for rent, utilities, food, etc. per month:

Rent: _____ Utilities: _____ Food: _____ Transportation: _____ Misc: _____ TOTAL: _____

Please describe any miscellaneous expense in the space provided below _____

Part IX. Parental Information

Mother:

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Ethnicity: _____

Highest Level of Education: _____ Degree(s) or Certifications: _____

Employed: Full-time Part-Time Name of Employer: _____

Father:

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Ethnicity: _____

Highest Level of Education: _____ Degree(s) or Certifications: _____

Employed: Full-time Part-Time Name of Employer: _____

How much will your parent(s) contribute to your educational expenses? _____

Do you have any siblings currently attending a college/university? _____ If so, please list your siblings' year in college and the name of their institution.

How much will your parent(s) contribute to your sibling(s) educational expenses?

Part X. Autobiographical Essay

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions in essay-format. Please make sure essays are focused and respond to all questions in the prompt. Each question should be no longer than 500 words (2 typed pages, double spaced), Times New Roman, 12 pt font.

1. *How have you brought your Pasifika heritage into how you act at school? How has it impacted your professional, academic, and/or personal goals and your experiences? In what ways has it made you a stronger student?*
2. *How do you think your Pasifika heritage will help you succeed going forward? How will you give back to the Pasifika community in college and in the future?*

Part XI. Letters of Recommendation

Please provide the following information regarding your three letter of recommendation writers.

Name	Title/Position	Company/Institution
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Part XII.

How did you learn about the Hawai'i's Daughters Guild Scholarship? _____

Please make sure you have responded to all parts of the application and have included all supplementary material. Failure to do so will result in automatic disqualification.

MAHALO FOR APPLYING TO THE HAWAI'I'S DAUGHTERS GUILD SCHOLARSHIP!

Letter of Recommendation Writer 1

I, _____, letter of recommender writer for _____
Letter of Recommendation Provider Scholarship Applicant

hereby swear that _____ has not, to my knowledge, seen my letter of
Scholarship Applicant
recommendation.

Letter of Recommendation Provider
Signature

I, _____, Hawai‘i’s Daughters Guild scholarship applicant, waive my right to
Letter of Recommendation Provider
view the letter of recommendation written by _____
Letter of Recommendation Provider

Scholarship Applicant Signature

Letter of Recommendation Writer 2

I, _____, letter of recommender writer for _____
Letter of Recommendation Provider Scholarship Applicant

hereby swear that _____ has not, to my knowledge, seen my letter of
Scholarship Applicant
recommendation.

Letter of Recommendation Provider
Signature

I, _____, Hawai‘i’s Daughters Guild scholarship applicant, waive my right to
Letter of Recommendation Provider
view the letter of recommendation written by _____
Letter of Recommendation Provider

Scholarship Applicant Signature

Letter of Recommendation Writer 3

I, _____, letter of recommender writer for _____
Letter of Recommendation Provider Scholarship Applicant

hereby swear that _____ has not, to my knowledge, seen my letter of
Scholarship Applicant
recommendation.

Letter of Recommendation Provider
Signature

I, _____, Hawai'i's Daughters Guild scholarship applicant, waive my right to
Letter of Recommendation Provider
view the letter of recommendation written by _____
Letter of Recommendation Provider

Scholarship Applicant Signature