



# The Samoa Association San Diego Scholarship Application Form

The Samoa Association of San Diego (TSASD) is proud to announce its third annual scholarship award to assist in potential recipient's educational goals for a successful future. The Association was established in 2019 to promote and enhance understanding of the Samoan culture, custom, tradition and language. One of its goals is to provide resources for postsecondary education. This scholarship can be used towards tuition for;

- Community, trade or vocational school
- Undergraduate College, University

Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis with consideration given to academic achievement, letters of recommendations, essay and community service

## Required Documents

- **Complete signed and dated The Samoa Association San Diego Scholarship Award and Application Form**
- **One photograph** of your most recent wallet size headshot, in color or black and white, copies are not accepted
- **Letter of Acceptance** from the college/university, **OR Registration Letter** from the community college/trade/vocational school
- **Transcripts:**  
High school seniors must submit their high school transcripts and undergraduate applicants must submit their college/university transcripts  
Community college, Trade and Vocational applicants must submit their transcripts **OR** if any, for applicants who are going back to school after a period of time off from their studies  
Official transcripts of the most recent Semester **Spring 2024**, to be sent by mail in a **sealed envelope or via eTranscript directly from the school to the Scholarship committee [info@tsasd.org](mailto:info@tsasd.org)**
- **Essay:**  
Tell us about yourself, any leadership roles in school or college or community, volunteer work within the community, civic involvement, youth groups, future contributions to the Samoan and the Pacific Islander Communities and how you want to give back to the community through leadership service, volunteer, tutoring etc. Promoting your culture for example, ta'i le sua, ava ceremony, lauga, interpreting for the non-Samoan speakers, saofai ceremony, village council meetings, women's committee (in Samoa), aumaga, siapo, tattoo, carving, weaving, learning island art etc
- **Proof of ethnicity**, for example; applicant's birth certificate, parent's and or grandparent's birth certificate
- **Two most recent Letters of Recommendation**, signed and dated from i) academic professor, advisor, counselor and ii) a community leader, minister, employer **OR** iii) For back to school applicants, Two most recent Letters of Recommendation from a community leader/minister or employer addressed to the following:

**The Samoa Association San Diego - Scholarship Application**  
**P.O. Box 191072**  
**San Diego, CA 92159**

**Eligibility**

- Student of Samoan ancestry
- Resident of the San Diego County within the last 12 months - can attend school/college from home
- Minimum GPA 2.5
- In addition, applicants must meet **ONE** of the following requirements:
  - 1) Enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college/university **OR**
  - 2) Employed and enrolled as a part-time student, minimum of halftime or 6 units at an accredited college/university community college/trade/vocational school (need documentation from employer and college/university/community/trade/vocational school).

**Application Deadline May 3rd, 2024**

All application and required documents must be post dated by **May 3rd, 2024** to the following address:

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**P.O. Box 191072**  
**San Diego, CA 92159**

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all application requirements, including transcripts and letters of recommendation, are submitted by the deadline.

**Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**Please check the appropriate box or boxes:**

High School Sr Applicant    Undergraduate Applicant    Community/Trade/Vocational    Current Recipient

**Applicant Information:**

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

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Currently Attending (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University/Community/Trade/Vocational School Currently Attending (if applicable):

Address:

Phone Number:

Class Level:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Anticipated Date of Graduation:

**Award Notification**

Applicants will be notified of scholarship decisions no later than **May 24th** Scholarship awards are paid directly to the recipient's college or university, trade, vocation school.

**Authorization Information (Initial end of each sentence)**

I release to The Samoa Association San Diego the right to access and receive all of my current academic transcripts and personal documents for proof of ethnicity. **Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must meet the scholarship criteria and that my name and information from my academic transcripts will be released to the scholarship committee. **Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

If awarded a scholarship, I will release to The Samoa Association San Diego the right to use my name, story, and picture for printed and video materials, reports, and press releases for promotion of the scholarship award without compensation. **Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to promote the The Samoan Association San Diego scholarship for the following year to the best of my abilities. **Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that I will attend the Scholarship Awards ceremony on **June 29th, 2024 venue TBD** if unavailable, someone will attend on my behalf and I will notify the committee **3 weeks in advance**. **Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the statements herein are true to the best of my knowledge.

Student Name and Last Name (printed)

Student Signature & Date

Received by The Samoa Association San Diego TSASD Committee Chairperson	Signature & Date
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