2026 PACIFICA SECONDARY SCHOOL GRANTS

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1. BACKGROUND:

PACIFICA (Pacific Allied (Women's) Council Inspires Faith in Ideals Concerning All Incorporated) is a non-profit community organisation that was founded in 1976 with a network of branches throughout Aotearoa-New Zealand. Our 22 branches operate in our three designated regions: Northern, Central and Southern.

From 2002 to 2010, PACIFICA branches fundraised to build an education fund to provide educational grants to assist Pacific students with their educational development and to help fulfil their dreams and aspirations. PACIFICA has been distributing these grants since 2010.

In 2026, PACIFICA Inc. is delighted to offer secondary education grants of $650.00 to two Pacific young women in each of the PACIFICA regions – Northern, Central, and Southern. So there are six grants on offer.

Applicants must currently be in Year 12 of secondary schooling and would benefit from some financial support in their education and to achieve their goals. Preference will be given to current PACIFICA members or close family of PACIFICA members.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

APPLICATIONS are welcome from any female of Pacific descent who:

- is a Year 12 student in 2026 and enrolled in a secondary school full time
- holds New Zealand Citizenship or Permanent Residency or is a current PACIFICA member on a Student Visa
- would benefit from some financial support in their secondary schooling
- is willing to be profiled for PACIFICA's promotional purposes, and make a presentation at a PACIFICA event, if required.
- is prepared to become a PACIFICA member (if not already) for at least 2 years.

3. PROCESS/TIMEFRAME:

APPLICATIONS OPEN IN ALL REGIONS	**Monday 9 March 2026**
APPLICATIONS CLOSE IN ALL REGIONS	**Friday 24 April 2026** Final extended due date
CANDIDATES SELECTED IN EACH REGION AND ALL APPLICANTS INFORMED OF OUTCOME	**End of May**
GRANT PAYMENTS	**Early June**
PACIFICA PRESENTATION CEREMONY/EVENT	To be arranged and confirmed with recipients (June/July)

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4. OTHER INFORMATION:

- Your application will not be considered if you do not complete ALL SECTIONS of the application form. Please see Pages 3 – 6 and provide all supporting documentation.
- The Selection Panel will comprise of the 3 PACIFICA Regional Vice Presidents, the National Youth Rep and other PACIFICA members. The Selection Panel will conduct selections for all 3 regions.
- Decisions of the Selection Panel are final, and all applicants will be advised accordingly of the outcome.
- **APPLICATION FORMS** can be downloaded from the PACIFICA Inc website https://www.pacifica.org.nz/grants or send to you by emailing pacificanationalexec@gmail.com
- **CONTACT:** pacificanationalexec@gmail.com for any queries.
- Please email your COMPLETED application form with ALL supporting documentation to: pacificanationalexec@gmail.com **by 5PM, Friday 24 April 2026.**
- No hard-copy applications will be accepted.
- Supporting documentation must be emailed to PACIFICA as pdfs or in Word format. **Do not provide links to online documents.**
- **Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted.**

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APPLICATION FORM

1.	**Region from where you are applying:**	**Northern / Southern / Central** *Please circle which region*.
2.	**How long have you lived in this region?**	
3.	**Surname/Family name**	
4.	**First and middle names**	
5.	**Date of birth**	
6.	**Name(s) of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s), and relationship to applicant**	• Name(s): • Relationship to applicant:
7.	**Home address**	
8.	**Suburb**	
9.	**Town/City and Postal code**	
10.	**E-mail address**	
11.	**Home/Landline number**	
12.	**Mobile number**	
13.	**Country of birth**	
14.	**Are you a:**	☐ NZ Citizen ☐ Permanent Resident ☐ PACIFICA member on a Student Visa
15.	**Ethnicity: Which Pacific group(s) do you identify with?**	☐ Cook Islands ☐ Fiji ☐ Kiribati ☐ Niue ☐ Papua New Guinea ☐ Samoa

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		☐ Solomon Islands ☐ Tonga ☐ Tokelau ☐ Tuvalu ☐ Vanuatu ☐ Other: _____
16.	**Name of Secondary School you are currently enrolled at**	• Name of school: • Address: • Town/City: *Please attach confirmation from education institution.*
17.	**What Year are you currently?** *Note: You must be in Year 12 in 2026*	
18.	**Key achievements at Secondary School to date**	*Please attach evidence*
19.	**PERSONAL STATEMENT** Please outline the reasons why you should receive this grant, noting the main criteria is financial need. Describe the impacts this grant would have on your educational success.	*Write no more than 1,000 words. Use a separate sheet and attach.*
20.	**Outline your plans for next year/2027**	
21.	**Outline your connection(s) to PACIFICA Inc. (if any)**	
22.	**Please attach a copy of your Curriculum Vitae (CV)**	
23.	**Please attach two reference letters from people who can vouch for your personal and educational situation**	

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24.	**Privacy Statement/Consent:** I acknowledge/consent to: • The information I have provided in this application is true and correct. • The personal information provided in this application is collected and held by P.A.C.I.F.I.C.A. Inc. • My information is used for the purpose of administering and assessing/processing my application. People who have direct access to my information are members of the P.A.C.I.F.I.C.A. Inc. National Executive and the Grant selection panel. • My name will appear in P.A.C.I.F.I.C.A. Inc. reports and publicity material where and when appropriate. • I have the right under the Privacy Act 1993 to obtain and request correction of my personal information held by P.A.C.I.F.I.C.A. Inc. • I will be profiled for PACIFICA's promotional purposes and may be required to make a presentation at a PACIFICA event. • *NON-PACIFICA members*: If I am offered a grant recipient I will register as a member of PACIFICA before the funds are released to me. **Please sign below to confirm your acknowledgement and consent:** • *Full name:* • *Signature:* • *Date:*

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CHECKLIST

Before sending in your application, please ensure you have answered all the questions and attached the relevant documentation with your application form

Questions	Documents required	Tick
16.	Confirmation of current enrolment in Year 12 at a Secondary education institution	
18.	Evidence of achievements at school	
19.	Personal statement (< 1000 words)	
22.	Curriculum Vitae (CV)	
23.	Two reference letters	
24.	Signed Privacy statement	

PLEASE NOTE:

- Incomplete and/or late applications will not be accepted.
- Please email complete application with all required documents to: pacificanationalexec@gmail.com
- This includes your supporting documentation. Do not provide links to online documents in your application.

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