

**South Pacific Islander Organization
2022 Scholarship Webpage FAQ**

Who is eligible to apply to the 2022 SPIO scholarships?

To be eligible to apply to the 2022 SPIO scholarships, applicants must be Pacific Islanders enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education during the 2022-2023 academic year.

Here are examples:

- Pacific Islander high school students who will be graduating from high school and enrolling in an institution of higher education during the 2022-2023 academic school year;
- Current Pacific Islander undergraduate students who will be enrolled in an institution of higher education during the 2022-2023 academic school year;
- Current Pacific Islander graduate students who will be enrolled in an institution of higher education during the 2022-2023 academic school year;
- Pacific Islanders returning to higher education who will be enrolled in an institution of higher education during the 2022-2023 academic school year.

I am an undergraduate student who will be enrolled in 2022. Can I apply to the SPIO Scholarships?

Yes!

I am a graduate student who will be enrolled in 2022. Can I apply to the SPIO Scholarships?

Yes!

I live in the U.S. Can I apply to the SPIO Scholarships?

Yes!

I do not live in the U.S. Can I apply to the SPIO Scholarships?

Yes!

I am planning on attending an institution in the U.S. Can I apply to the SPIO Scholarships?

Yes, as long as it is an accredited institution.

I am planning on attending an institution that is not in the U.S. Can I apply to the SPIO Scholarships?

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Yes, as long as it is an accredited institution.

Do I need to be of a certain demographic background to apply?

While our nonprofit serves a greater public benefit, we focus our programmatic efforts on Pacific Islanders.

How do you define Pacific Islander?

We define Pacific Islanders as people of Polynesian, Micronesian, and/or Melanesian descent.

How do I apply to the SPIO Scholarship?

Here is the link to the [2022 SPIO Scholarships webpage](#). The application link is located on this page.

When is the SPIO Scholarship application due?

Friday, July 15, 2022 at 11:59pm PST.

I am an SPIO Scholarship recipient. When and how do I get my scholarship funds?

Congratulations! We will be in contact with you, and funds will be disbursed directly to your enrolled institution in August-September 2022.

What are you looking for in the letters of recommendation?

We want to get a better understanding of who you are -- your character, your academic motivations, and/or your non-academic motivations -- from an outside perspective. The letters of recommendation should highlight your accomplishments and what makes you stand out. The letter of recommendation should help the Scholarship Review Committee answer the question "Why should this applicant get an SPIO Scholarship?"

How does the scholarship money get sent?

We send the money directly to your enrolled institution.

Can the scholarship be sent directly to me to cover other higher education costs?

We can only send the money directly to your enrolled institution.

I am not eligible for the SPIO Scholarship. Are there any other scholarships that I can apply to?

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Yes! Check out our educational resources page to find other scholarships. We wish you the best of luck on your scholarship search!

Are certificates and microprograms approved?

Yes. Please note that we disburse all funds directly to the institution.

Can part-time students apply?

Yes. Please note that we disburse all funds directly to the institution.