

2025

*Island Liaison
Scholarship*

**Announcement,
Awardees,
Impact**



Letter from our Founder and Executive Director

Claudia F. Kaercher



“I came from a family that instilled in me a standard of excellence in education as it has the ability to impact people’s lives. It has always been a goal of mine to administer a scholarship on behalf of Island Liaison. As an organization, we live by the motto of being a resource to Pacific Islanders. To me, the scholarship means to have the ability to support students who may not have the financial resources for post secondary education. It is my honor to award three scholarships this year.”

Pacific Islander Education Facts & Figures

- **65% of NHPI students are enrolled in a 4-year college (5% less than the national average)**
- **32% of students enrolled in two-year colleges are NHPI**
 - **NHPI students were awarded the lowest amount of financial aid among full-time, full year undergraduates from 2019-2020**
 - **1 in 8 NHPIs (12%) have less than a high school degree**
 - **1 in 5 NHPIs (19%) have a bachelor’s degree or higher**

(AAPI Data, 2025)

Congratulations to our inaugural cohort of scholarship recipients!

\$1,500

Scholarship
amount

3

Total
scholarships

\$4,500

Total amount
awarded

Meet our 2025 scholarship awardees!



**Irina
Andrianajason**



**Nian
Paiden**



**Laverne
Sorriz**



Irina Andrianajason

Major: Chemistry, BS & Toxicology minor

Plan for Future: “I want to be in the medical field after I finish my undergraduate studies and continue teaching violin.”

First Generation Student

Arizona State University - Tempe, AZ

Nian Paiden

Major: Emergency Medical Technician, AAS

Plan for Future: “One of my goals is to pursue a degree that will help my island community, in medicine, in service, and dedication.”

First Generation Student

Navarro College - Corsicana, TX



Laverne Sorriz

Major: Biology, BS

Plan for Future: “I am currently on the pre-medical track with the goal of becoming a doctor. In the future, I want to return to Micronesia to serve as a physician.”

First Generation Student

University of Texas at Dallas - Dallas, TX

Help us fund the dreams of next year's Pacific Islander scholars!



Your donation will go towards the disbursement and administration of our annual scholarship.

The Impact of Your Donation	
\$10	Supports one application review and processing
\$25	Contributes to student supplies
\$100	Pays for student's textbooks for one semester
\$500	Partial scholarship sponsor
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