

PRESS RELEASE



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P.A.C.I.F.I.C.A. Inc (PACIFICA) is pleased to announce the opening of its Grants round for 2024.

From 2002 to 2010, PACIFICA branches fundraised to build a 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 annually since 2010.

There are six grants on offer:

- Three PACIFICA Tertiary Education Grants, each valued at \$2,000, for Pacific women who are currently undertaking undergraduate study and who need some financial support to continue their tertiary education. There is one grant for each of PACIFICA's Northern Region, Central Region and Southern Region.
- Three PACIFICA Secondary School Grants, each valued at \$650, for Pacific female students currently studying in Year 12 who would benefit from some financial support in their education and to achieve their goals. There is one grant for each of PACIFICA's Northern Region, Central Region and Southern Region.

Repeka Lelaulu, National President of PACIFICA, states "PACIFICA has a small education fund but the National Executive recently increased the value of our awards to acknowledge the increased demand and need."

The organisation encourages Pasifika women in tertiary education and secondary school, to apply for the grants. "If you know someone who might qualify, please let them know about these opportunities. We would also love for Pasifika women to join us as members. You can find out more about the 2024 grants and about our 22 PACIFICA branches by visiting the PACIFICA website at www.pacifica.org.nz" President Repeka Lelaulu adds.

Attached is further information on the two grant types (with criteria and application forms). Further information is available at <https://www.pacifica.org.nz/grants>
Applications will close on 2nd September 2024, at 5pm. Applicants will be informed of the outcome at end of September, with the grants paid in mid October.

Please forward any enquiries to pacificanationalexec@gmail.com