



PORTUGUESE ASSOCIATION OF MAUI

401 Baldwin Avenue, Suite 201
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January 3, 2026

The Portuguese Association of Maui is pleased to announce the availability of five scholarship grant awards totaling \$7,500 for 2026. One award is for \$2,500; 3, one award is for \$2,000 and there are three awards of \$1,000 each for college or university academic and/or vocational education.

High school seniors planning to continue their education and adult students already enrolled in accredited post-secondary educational institutions who are of Portuguese or part-Portuguese ancestry are invited to apply for the scholarship grants.

During the course of their studies, awardees are required to list Maui County as their permanent residence.

In addition to a completed and signed application, applicants are **required** to furnish the following:

1. A high school transcript or a transcript of the most recently completed semester in a post-secondary institution.
2. Two letters of reference from persons other than relatives.
References may be from teachers, counselors, employers or persons who have known the applicant long enough to attest to his/her capabilities.
3. A personal essay not to exceed one page describing the applicant's reason(s) for applying for this particular scholarship.

All documents must be mailed to: Portuguese Association of Maui
Scholarship Chair
401 Baldwin Avenue, Suite 201
Paia, Hawaii 96779

Applications and required documents must be postmarked not later than February 28, 2026 to be considered. Applicants are encouraged to submit their application packets early. In the event of a missing document, the Association will attempt to notify the applicant of the matter so it can be resolved by February 28.

Applicants may be required to appear for an interview with the selection subcommittee.

Announcement of awards will be made in May. Scholarship grants will be presented in July.

For further information, please contact Scholarship Chairman Audrey Rocha Reed at either (808)243-0065(b) or audrey@mauigateway.com.

Additional application forms may be obtained at <http://www.portugueseassociationofmaui.com/Scholarships/>



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2026

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

First

Middle

Last

Place of Birth: _____ Years of residence in Maui County: _____

Citizenship: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Residence Address: _____

Street Number and Name (or P.O. Box Number)

City

State

Zip Code

Permanent

Mailing Address: _____

Street Number and Name (or P. O. Box Number)

City

State

Zip Code

Name of Proposed

College or University: _____ Location: _____

Status: Already enrolled _____ Accepted _____ Under Consideration _____

Will you be applying for or do you now have any other grants-in-aid? If so, please list them and the amounts given:

Will you be attending in-person classes or will your studies be online only? _____ Please
provide estimated expenses for one year of college which includes tuition, room and board and books:

What is your academic goal? _____

Describe your career goals: _____

Please describe your financial need and what financial support you will receive from parents/relatives/self:

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Father: _____ Mother: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

How many siblings do you have who still reside with your parents? _____

(If you are photocopying this application, please be sure to copy both sides of the page!)

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Please explain your Portuguese ancestry, giving family names(s). (Ex. I am one-half Portuguese. My maternal great-grandmother Maria Glória Gomes Medeiros came from Ponta Delgada, São Miguel in 1886.) Failure to complete this section will result in your application being rejected. **If you are not of Portuguese descent, please do not apply for this scholarship.**

Please explain how being Portuguese affects your everyday life: _____

Please describe community service activities you have participated in. What was your position or role in those activities? _____

Have you participated in activities conducted by the Portuguese Association of Maui? _____ If yes, please list them: _____

Date

Signature of Applicant
(Unsigned applications will not be considered)

In addition to a completed and signed application, applicants are reminded to **attach**:

- a. A high school transcript or current grade point average from present educational institution.
- b. **Two letters of reference** from adults not related to you, who have a sound understanding of your capabilities. References may be obtained from persons such as teachers, counselors, employers, supervisors or ministers. Do not send photographs.
- c. An essay **not longer than one "8-1/2 x 11" page**, explaining why you are applying for this particular scholarship. Your application will receive lower scores if your essay exceeds one page.

Applications, with transcript(s), letters of reference and personal essay must be mailed to:

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Portuguese Association of Maui
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Applications and all required documents must be postmarked not later than February 28, 2026 to be considered.

Applicants may be required to appear for a personal interview with the selection committee.

If awarded a scholarship, awardees and their families will be encouraged to assist in future scholarship fundraising activities for the Portuguese Association of Maui.

Announcement of awards will be made in May 2026. Grants will be awarded on July 5, 2026.