



# PORTUGUESE ASSOCIATION OF MAUI

401 Baldwin Avenue, Suite 201  
Paia, HI 96779

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.

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

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



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## **APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP GRANT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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.**

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Please explain how being Portuguese affects your everyday life: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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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:

Scholarship Chairman  
Portuguese Association of Maui  
401 Baldwin Avenue, Suite 201  
Paia, HI 96779

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.