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Portuguese Culture & Historical Center

Audrey Simpkins
Scholarship
Application Packet
2026

Portuguese Culture & Historical Center Audrey Simpkins Scholarship Application

The Portuguese Culture & Historical Center Scholarships are based on financial need and the following:

This Scholarship is available to current students in grade 12, with preference to students of Portuguese ancestry. You must be a member or referred by a member of the Portuguese Culture & Historical Center.

All students applying for this scholarship will be required to turn in the following:

- 1) General information form;
- 2) Essay form; provide a description of why you are deserving of this scholarship and how you may promote/volunteer and/or perpetuate the Portuguese Culture.
- 3) List of activities and awards;
- 4) Two (2) letters of recommendation (at least one letter shall be from a high school teacher or school counselor; the second letter can be from a teacher, counselor or community member);
- 5) Copy of current transcript (unofficial computer copy – see your counselor); and
- 6) Copy of FAFSA or SAR.

DEADLINE: All applications and supporting materials are due to the PCHC Office by 3:00 p.m. on April 17, 2026.

Portuguese Culture & Historical Center SCHOLARSHIP

ONE (1) \$500.00 Scholarship

Criteria for selection:

1. Scholastic Achievement
2. School/Community Service
3. Financial Need

Additional Requirements

Copy of FAFSA or SAR

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Due to PCHC Office by 3:00 p.m., April 17, 2026

**Portuguese Culture & Historical Center
Audrey Simpkins Scholarship Application
General Information**

Name: _____
First Last MI

Address: _____
Street City ZIP

Birth date: _____ Place of Birth _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell Phone No. _____

Family Information – Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

	Father / Guardian	Mother / Guardian
Full Name		
Address		
Occupation		
Employer		
Home Phone		
Work Phone		

List names and ages of siblings: _____

Student's Educational Plans

2-year or 4-year College or Trade School	Accepted/Pending (Y/N)	Location
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Trade or College Major: _____

Career Objective or Plan: _____

I hereby authorize the Portuguese Culture & Historical Center Scholarship Committee to review my school transcripts and to release information (except financial information) regarding my application for publicity purposes. I certify that the information contained in my application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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**PORTUGUESE CULTURE & HISTORICAL CENTER
AUDREY SIMPKINS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

RECOMMENDATION/REFERENCE FORM

Name of Applicant _____

Name of Reference _____

Relationship to applicant _____ Length of time known applicant _____

Address of Reference _____

Reference's phone number: Day _____ Evening _____

Please state reason(s) for recommending this applicant for scholarship:

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Portuguese Culture & Historical Center Audrey Simpkins Scholarship Application Essay

Name of Applicant: _____
First Last MI

Please answer the following questions (Include extra pages as needed):

1. *What are your reasons for attending school next year and your chosen field(s) of study?*
2. *Describe the qualities and characteristics you possess that make you a worthy scholarship recipient.*
3. *What do you hope to give back to the community when you complete your education?*
4. *Describe how you may promote/volunteer and/or perpetuate the Portuguese Culture.*
5. *Share anything special you would like the selection committee to know about yourself.*

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Indicate which activity is/has been the most meaningful to you. Why?

Congratulations on Receiving the Portuguese Culture & Historical Center Audrey Simpkins Scholarship for 2026!

A scholarship check in the amount of \$500.00 has been made in your name.

A thank you letter to the donor **is required** in order to receive your check.

The thank you letter is very important in that it encourages the donors to keep giving, allowing future students to receive awards.

The attached sample letter is an example: you should try to personalize it or add any other interesting bits of information.

Also, **please remember to write thank you notes to teachers/counselors who wrote recommendations for you.** Without their help, you may not have been able to receive the award or scholarship. The name of the scholarship donor is shown below:

**Portuguese Culture & Historical Center
Larry Cravalho Jr., Scholarship Chairperson
94-974 Pakela Street, Unit 104
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

Your \$500.00 check will be available for pick up from President Larry Cravalho, at the address above. Mr. Cravalho will also collect your thank you letter in order for you to receive your check at the same time.

Please call the PCHC Office to make an appointment at (808) 686-9497.

SAMPLE THANK YOU LETTER

Be sure to personalize your thank you letter so that it represents you as a person. The following is only a guide to get you started. The thank you can be a short note but the more you share about yourself, the better!

Your Name
Your Address
City, State, Zip Code
Date

Portuguese Culture & Historical Center Audrey Simpkins Scholarship
Attention: Larry Cravalho Jr., Scholarship Chairperson
94-974 Pakela Street, Unit 104
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

Dear Mr. Larry Cravalho Jr.:

Thank you very much for awarding me the Portuguese Culture & Historical Center Audrey Simpkins Scholarship for 2025 - 2026. This financial award will help me defray the costs of tuition, books and supplies at (the name of the institution you plan to attend).

I plan to major in (state your major) when I attend there this fall. (Or, I am undecided about a major at this point, but I know that a college education is important to my future). I am looking forward to the new experiences and challenges in college. My ultimate goal is to someday be a _____ (if you know what it is).

My parents join me in thanking the Portuguese Culture & Historical Center for this award. I will work hard to be a successful student in college and eventually be a contributing member of the community.

Please feel free to share my photo and thank you letter with the Portuguese Culture & Historical Center members so that other recipients may be encouraged to apply as well as voluntarily donate to future scholarship recipients.

Sincerely,
(Your signature)
Your typed name