



Bluesky's Future of American Samoa Scholarship 2017

At Bluesky, we are continuing our commitment to empowering American Samoa's youth. We are proud to continue Bluesky's Future of American Samoa Scholarship Program to provide educational opportunities to academically talented students from American Samoa who are pursuing either a bachelor's degree at an accredited U.S. educational institution or an associate's degree at the American Samoa Community College in a field that directly meets Bluesky's workforce needs. All scholarship funds will be applied towards tuition, room and board and books. Each year, Bluesky's Scholarship Selection Committee will administer the program and select scholarship recipients based upon the information provided in written scholarship applications packages.

For 2017, Bluesky's Future of American Samoa Scholarship Program has been modified as follows to allow for new scholarship recipients and to continue our support of existing recipients who satisfactorily meet the application requirements.

- **OFF ISLAND:** There will be up to two \$14,000 scholarships awarded to students attending an accredited college or university in the United States. The \$14,000 scholarship will be paid out over a four year period at \$3500 per academic school year assuming the scholarship recipient(s) satisfactorily meets the academic requirements at the end of each school year. If an ASCC student receives the off-island scholarship award, the scholarship amount would be \$7000 which will be paid out over a two year period at \$3500 per academic year.
- **AM.SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE:** There will be up to two \$4000 scholarships awarded to students attending American Samoa Community College. The \$4,000 scholarship will be paid out over a two year period at \$2000 per academic school year assuming the scholarship recipient(s) satisfactorily meets the academic requirements at the end of each school year.

Bluesky will also offer paid summer internships to our scholarship recipients in between academic school years as part of their educational and professional development. Our internship program offers students a great opportunity to gain real world experience and insight in their field of study as well as other in their areas they may have an interest in.

About Bluesky

As a technology and communications solutions provider located in American Samoa, independent Samoa, Cook Islands and New Zealand offering various telecommunications products and services, Bluesky is well-positioned to empower the youth of American Samoa.

- **Our Purpose:** We apply technology and service excellence to advance and improve the lives of our customers.
- **Our Vision:** To be the most recognized and preferred company for connecting our Pacific communities around the world.



FUTURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA SCHOLARSHIP

2017 Scholarship Information

Eligibility Criteria for Scholarship Applicants

General Requirements

- You must be a bona fide local high school senior in Am. Samoa or an American Samoa Community College student who will graduate in the spring of 2017.
- To apply for an off-Island scholarship, you must verify that you are a US Citizen or US National.
- To apply for a scholarship to attend the American Samoa Community College, you must verify that you are a US Citizen, US National, or Permanent Resident of American Samoa.
- You must satisfy the academic, community service and application requirements listed below.
- You must demonstrate that you have completed a minimum of 50 community service hours (certified by school records or other reliable records).
- Eligible areas of study are:
 - Engineering, (Electronics, Computing, Technology, Communications Systems, Telecommunications, Software, Engineering Management) or a closely related field;
 - Information Systems, Operations Management, Computer Networking;
 - Marketing, Business Management, Human Resources, Communications, or a closely related field; and
 - Accounting or Finance.
- Dependents of Bluesky employees are eligible.
- Non-degree-seeking students are NOT eligible.
- Applicants who currently hold a Bachelor's degree are NOT eligible.

High school students applying for off-Island or Am. Samoa Community College scholarships

- You must have a minimum high school cumulative grade point average of 3.50,
- You must have a minimum combined SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) score of 1500 out of 2400 and/or a minimum ACT (American College Test) score of 20,
- You must have a minimum TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 600 for off island scholarship, and
- You must have an acceptance letter from an accredited 4-year US college or university or from the American Samoa Community College.

ASCC students applying for off-Island scholarships

- You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 at ASCC,
- You must have an acceptance letter from an accredited 4-year US college or university.

Application Submission Requirements

To complete your application for a scholarship award, you must submit the following documents to Bluesky:

1. Completed Bluesky Scholarship Application Form (incomplete applications will not be considered);
2. Acceptance Letter from the college or university that you intend to attend while on scholarship if you are selected, which must be -
 - i. An accredited college or university in the US Acceptance Letter from college they intend to attend while on scholarship. University or college must be accredited by one of the following associations: North West Commission Association, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and 6. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or
 - ii. The American Samoa Community College
3. Two letters of recommendation from your past Math, English or Science teachers.
4. Your official high school and American Samoa Community College transcripts;
5. Official documentation describing and confirming your community service work hours (e.g. letters documenting your National Honor Society work or from other community organizations describing and verifying your work)

Selection Criteria

Bluesky will consider the following criteria when reviewing applications and making scholarship award decisions:

- Applicant's area of study,
- Applicant's long-term connection to American Samoa and demonstrated intent to seek employment at Bluesky upon graduation,
- Applicant's potential for academic achievement,
- Applicant's immediate and long-term potential to make a positive impact in American Samoa and Samoa, and
- Applicant's interview performance.

The Bluesky Scholarship Selection Committee will review all applications and invite a select number of applicants to participate in a personal interview. Interviewees will be notified of the time and place for their individual interviews and attendance is mandatory.

Bluesky will recognize scholarship awardees at a Bluesky-sponsored event in June 2017. Recipient attendance is mandatory unless excused in advance for good cause.

Bluesky will make the first disbursement constituting half of the total award upon verification of enrollment at the start of the fall semester and it will pay the remaining half of the total award in the spring semester. Bluesky will pay the scholarship award directly to the awardee's university or college.

Scholarship Recipient's Obligations

Scholarship recipients must sign an agreement in which they agree to the terms and conditions described in this 2017 Scholarship Information document before any funds will be disbursed. Each scholarship recipient must be enrolled in and satisfactorily complete at least 12 college-level credits each semester and earn at least a 3.20 GPA each academic year. English as a Second Language (ESL) classes do not count toward the 12-credit requirement. If a student's GPA falls below 3.20, Bluesky will require him or her to take necessary action to restore their GPA to a minimum 3.20 cumulative GPA by the end of the following semester.

Scholarship recipients must submit an official transcript at the end of every graded quarter, if he or she receives grades on a quarterly basis, or if not, at the end of every semester. The Scholarship Committee will periodically review each student's progress throughout his or her studies.

Bluesky is entitled to declare that a scholarship recipient has forfeited all undisbursed scholarship funds under any of the following circumstances: if he or she has not maintained a 3.20 cumulative GPA at the end of the academic year, if he or she withdraws from classes resulting in the student obtaining less than 12 credits for that period, if he or she is disciplined for misconduct, if he or she changes majors to a non-scholarship-eligible subject, or if Bluesky determines that unforeseen extraordinary circumstances warrant scholarship forfeiture.

To be eligible for possible scholarship awards in future years, a scholarship recipient must submit a new application package to Bluesky by the end of his or her academic year and by Bluesky's established application deadline.

Application Information

To obtain an application form, please visit our main Bluesky office located on the second floor of the Laufou Shopping Center in Nu'u'uli, American Samoa. Applications must be postmarked or received at the office no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 to be considered for an award.

For more information about the scholarship program, please review our written 2017 Scholarship Information document, contact Bluesky at as.hr@blueskypacificgroup.com, or call (684) 699-2759 or *611 from a Bluesky phone and ask for the Human Resources Department.

Due Date for Submission

Please address your application packets and mail or hand-deliver them to:

Bluesky Scholarship Selection Committee
P.O. Box 478
Pago Pago, Am. Samoa 96799

By mail: Applications packets must be postmarked no later than 5:00 PM Tuesday April 18, 2017. Late submissions will not be considered.

In person: Applications must be delivered to a customer service representative at Bluesky's main office located on the second floor of the Laufou Shopping Center in Nu'u'uli, Am. Samoa no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

Questions: If you have questions, please email as.hr@blueskypacificgroup.com or call (684) 699-2759 or *611.



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Suffix:

Mailing Address:

Date of Birth:

Gender:

Place of Birth:

Citizenship:

Contact Information:

Email:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Number:

HIGH SCHOOL

Please provide the following details about your high school and academic history.

High School:

Expected Graduation Date:

Cumulative Grade Point Average:

Ranking in Class: _____ out of _____ (total number of graduating class)

COMMUNITY COLLEGE (IF APPLICABLE)

Please provide the following details about your community college and academic history.

Community College:

Expected Graduation Date:

Cumulative Grade Point Average:

Major:

Degree:

Ranking in Class: _____ out of _____ (total number of graduating class)

TEST SCORES

If you have taken the SAT and/or the ACT, please enter your scores. If you have taken either test more than once, enter your best score.

SAT Scores

SAT Critical Reading

SAT Math

SAT Writing

ACT Scores

ACT English

ACT Math

ACT Reading

ACT Science

ACT Writing

TRANSCRIPT

Please provide your official high school transcript with your application. If you are currently attending ASCC, please provide official transcripts from both the high school from which you graduated and ASCC.

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PLANS

Please provide us with details concerning your college plans.

Intended Degree:

Intended College Major:

Intended College or University Name:

ESSAY

Essay I - Please tell us in 1000 words or less why you deserve the Bluesky Future of American Samoa Scholarship. Please also include your reasons for selecting your intended college or university, career goals and how your education and/or skills and training support those goals.

(If you prefer, you may type your essay on a separate sheet and attach it to your completed application upon submission.)

CERTIFICATION

If I am selected as a scholarship winner and in consideration thereof, I understand, agree and hereby grant permission to Bluesky to use my likeness and name in announcing and promoting this scholarship program. I understand and agree that the Bluesky Selection Committee is solely responsible for the selection of scholarship winners and its decisions are final. I grant permission to the school of higher education I attend to release information concerning my enrollment status, grades, academic standing and financial need to Bluesky for use in administering my scholarship award. In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand and agree that falsification of information will result in termination of the Bluesky Scholarship.

Student Applicant Name (Print)

Student Applicant Signature

Date

Parents or Legal Guardian's Consent for Minor Applicants

If my child is selected as a scholarship winner and in consideration thereof, I understand, agree and hereby grant permission to Bluesky to use my child's likeness and name in announcing and promoting Bluesky's Future of American Samoa Scholarship Program. I understand and agree that the Bluesky Selection Committee is solely responsible for the selection of scholarship winners and its decisions are final. My child has completed the scholarship application. I grant permission to the school of higher education my child attends to release information concerning my child's enrollment status, grades, and academic standing to Bluesky for use in administering my child's scholarship award. In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that falsification of information will result in termination of Bluesky's Future of American Samoa Scholarship. If a legal guardian signs this certification, a copy of the appointment of the legal guardian must be attached.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Signature)

Date

REFERENCE -1 (Page 1 of 2)

Applicant's Name: _____

Name of Referee: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Instructions for the applicant

Please complete the top portion of this form and provide it to your referee. You are not permitted to view the contents of the Reference Form once the referee has completed it.

Instructions for the Referee:

You have been asked by the applicant to serve as a referee for a Bluesky Future of American Samoa Scholarship. Please answer the questions below on a separate single sided page attached to this Reference Form. Typed submissions are preferred. Your recommendations or comments need not be restricted to these questions. Please return the signed Reference Form to the Bluesky office by Tuesday, April 18, 2017 in a sealed envelope. The Bluesky office is located on 2nd Floor of the Laufou Shopping Center in Nu'u'uli. Reference forms must have an original signature. Emails, faxes or copies will not be accepted.

Questions/Comments

- How long have you known the applicant?
- In what capacity did you know the applicant?
- Please comment on the applicant's academic performance, accomplishments and readiness for college/university.
- Please add anything else that you think is relevant for the selection committee to know about the applicant.

Comments Section:

REFERENCE - 1 (Page 2 of 2)

Comments Section:

Referee Name (Print)

Referee Signature

Date

REFERENCE -2 (Page 1 of 2)

Applicant's Name: _____

Name of Referee: _____

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BLUESKY APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed Application Form (incomplete applications will not be considered)
- Proof of citizenship (copy of US Passport, birth certificate or American Samoa ID registration card)
- Two completed reference forms (from non-family members); forms must be delivered to Bluesky office by the person serving as a reference
- Official transcripts (high school and ASCC, if applicable)
- Copy of SAT and/or ACT and TOEFL scores
- Copy of College/University acceptance letter
- Letter to verify community service hours
- Turn in completed applications packets to the Bluesky Office by 5:00 PM Tuesday April 18, 2017.

Important Note: Please make a copy of the completed scholarship packet and attachments for yourself. Bluesky is not responsible for making copies of the application packet.