



Lumana'i Education Gift

Samoan Solutions is comprised of individuals who are adamant about affecting positive and necessary changes within the San Francisco Bay Area's Samoan community. With the generous support of those who believe in our cause, we humbly present the Lumana'i Education Gift.

We firmly believe that our collective future as Samoan people rests in the hands of our youth. Samoan Solutions hopes to use this project to highlight Samoan youth who embody the meaning of Lumana'i – which in the Samoan language means “future”. The youth who exhibit such qualities will be honored with monetary gifts or gift cards as tokens of our appreciation.

Samoan Solutions takes this opportunity to stress the importance of an education to our Samoan youth, and to emphasize that performing well academically will positively influence our collective future – our Lumana'i.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must:
 1. Be of Samoan ancestry.
 2. Reside within one of the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma).
 3. Fall into one of the following categories:
 - An 8th grade student who will attend a private high school by Fall 2016.
 - A high school Senior who will attend a Community College by Fall 2016.
 - A high school Senior who will attend a 4-year academic institution by Fall 2016.
 - **NEW:** all middle school students in grades 6-8 during 2015-16 school year, who meet requirements 1 & 2 above, may submit application materials to be considered for a school supplies GIFT CARD award. *Note: past recipients of this award **may not** reapply for this category, as they are only eligible to be awarded once per category.

NOTE: If you are selected for an award, we stipulate that awardees may use gifts for educational purposes only and must provide verification as such. Additionally, Samoan Solutions has an expectation (**not condition**), that awardees participate/volunteer in at minimum, one Samoan Solutions event within one year of being awarded.

Your completed application packet is **due Friday, April 1, 2016 by 3:00 p.m.** *Only completed application packets will be reviewed.

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS BY MAIL ONLY TO:

**Lumana'i Education Gift
c/o Elaine Howard-Tokolahi
1270 Sanchez Street
San Francisco, CA 94114**

email: samoan_solutions@yahoo.com
"Samoan Solutions" on Facebook



Lumana'i Education Gift Application Form

Personal Data

Full Name (last, first):	
Primary Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
E-mail Address (must be current so that you may receive updates during selection process):	
Phone (Home):	
Phone (Cell):	

Education

Check the one that best describes your academic circumstances, **and** provide corresponding information:

I am currently a middle school student applying for school supplies **GIFT CARD award ONLY.**

I am currently an 8th grade student who will attend a private high school by Fall 2016.

Name of private high school: _____

I am currently a high school Senior who will attend a community college by Fall 2016.

Name of community college: _____

I am currently a high school Senior who will attend a 4-year academic institution by Fall 2016.

Name of college/university: _____

Essay Question (attach separately, 500-750 words; typed, Times New Roman, 12-point font):

Lumana'i (future) is an organizational and foundational Samoan value for Samoan Solutions. Please answer **both** of the following questions with a well thought-out response in a personal essay format (*note: poems in any form will not be accepted):

How is Lumana'i (the future) important to you? What are you doing now, that contributes to Lumana'i?

I provide permission for the Lumana'i Education Gift Committee to release/forward any or all parts of my application and/or transcript to agencies that they deem might have an interest in reviewing it for possible award. **Furthermore, if awarded, I agree to provide Samoan Solutions with proof/verification that the award is used for educational purposes only or be subject to repay the entire award amount.**

X _____
Applicant's signature

_____ Date

X _____
Parent/Guardian's signature

_____ Relationship

_____ Date



Lumana'i Education Gift Checklist

A completed application packet contains ALL of the following documents:

- Signed and completed Lumana'i Education Gift Application form
- Response to **both** of the following questions: **How is Lumana'i (the future) important to you? What are you doing now to contribute to Lumana'i?** Must by typed, 500-750 words, Times New Roman, 12-point font (personal essay format).
- Official academic transcript.**
- *Minimum one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or mentor (any non-relative).
- *Proof that you will attend the school you mentioned in the previous portion of this application. A typed letter from a school administrator/counselor and/or College/University acceptance letters accepted.

***Not required for Gift Card only applicants.**

Also optional for all applicants, please include a list of community service projects in which you've participated and/or awards (academic, athletic, citizenship, etc.) received.

ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKETS WILL BE REVIEWED

Follow ALL instructions for completing application.

Packets due FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016 by 3:00 p. m

NOTE: DO NOT STAPLE PACKETS use a paperclip to attach materials together.

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Fa'afetai Lava (Many Thanks),
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