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Scholarship Application 2026

Applicants Name: Miah Min Reiko Nakamura

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Current High School Name: Hawaii Baptist Academy

Expected Graduation Date: 5/30/2026 Grade Point Average as of December 31st: 4.0

One a separate paper, please answer or list the following:

1. High School Activities (Past to Present), including sports, clubs, social organizations, service organizations.
2. High School Scholastic Honors and/or Community Honors
3. Community Activities and Organizations.
4. Name of University/College, Trade School or Community College that you will be attending and start date.
5. Letter of recommendation (non-family members), Teachers, Coaches, Youth Leaders, Organization Leaders. Please provide two (2), Include Name, Address and Telephone.
6. Word Essay describing applicants career goals. Minimum of 300 words.

The information provided in this application and supporting material is true and accurate.
Any misrepresentation will result in a disqualification of the applicant for a scholarship.

Applicant Signature: Miah Nakamura Date: 3/29/26

Parent Name: Julianne Nakamura Date: 3/29/26

Parent Signature:

Parent signature required for all applicants under the age of 18.

Application Deadline March 31, 2026



Miah Nakamura

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CAREER GOALS

My dream is to pursue a degree in Biology with the goal of becoming a Physician Assistant in family medicine. If I had to trace the moment that inspired my interest in the medical field, I am certain it was when I walked into my freshman Biology class and saw a "dead" body on the floor. That whole year was dedicated to solving the death of Anna Garcia, who unexpectedly died in her home. I spent hours researching her many health problems, which included diabetes, sickle cell anemia and heart disease as well as deciphering the multiple lab reports. The ultimate reward was solving the mystery of her passing, which was from a blood clot in her brain caused by a clogged artery from high cholesterol. Sadly, her premature death could have been prevented if she had just received the proper healthcare guidance.

This past summer, I was fortunate to shadow a family doctor as well as several physician assistants at Kaiser Urgent Care. While the urgent care experience showed me the importance of efficiency and teamwork in a fast-paced setting, it was the family doctor who truly inspired me. I was moved by the way he took the time to connect with his patients by listening to their concerns, even if it was not medical, in order to build a trusting long-term relationship. Seeing how much comfort and confidence his patients gained simply from feeling heard reinforced my desire to work in family practice, where care goes beyond treatment, becoming a true partnership.

Throughout my college experience, I will carry this same inspiration by approaching my education with purpose, empathy, and gratitude. I plan to support my peers, engage in service opportunities, and continually remind myself that my education is not just for my own success, but for the people I hope to serve one day. By learning how to care for others with both skill and compassion, I hope to honor the belief that helping people, whether classmates, patients, or communities, I can truly make a difference and hopefully inspire the next generation to pursue their own dreams with the same focus and determination.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITES & CLUBS

SPORTS

- Basketball – HBA Junior Varsity – 2022, 2023
- Canoe Paddling – PAC5 Junior Varsity – 2023
  PAC5 Varsity – 2024, 2025
  Kamehameha Canoe Club – 2024, 2025. 2026
- Flag Football – Sacred Hearts/HBA Varsity – 2025
  HBA Varsity – 2026
- Golf – HBA Junior Varsity – 2023
- Surfing – HBA Varsity – 2026
- Tennis – HBA Junior Varsity – 2024
- Volleyball – HBA Junior Varsity – 2022, 2023
  Hana Hou Volleyball Club – 2023, 2024
  Maunalani Volleyball Club – 2025

ORGANIZATIONS

- HBA Student Council – Recording Secretary – 2023 to 2024
  Vice President – 2025 to 2026
- National Honor Society – 2022, 2023. 2024. 2025. 2026
- Interact Club – 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- Pre-Med Club – 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- Environmental Club – 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- National Japanese Honor Society – 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- Liv Mas Club – 2023, 2024
- Filipino Club – 2024, 2025
- Surf Club – 2022, 2023, 2024
- Hiking Club – 2024, 2025, 2026
- Cooking Club – 2023, 2024, 2025

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLASTIC HONORS

- Biology Achievement Award – 2022-2023
  - 1 of 5 students nominated by the Freshman Biology department
- Chemistry High Achievement Award – 2023-2024
  - 1 f 5 students nominated by the Sophomore Chemistry department
- AP Biology High Achievement Award – 2024-2025
  - 1 of 3 students nominated by the Junior AP Biology department
- President's Honor Roll Certificate – 14 consecutive quarters – 2022 to 2025
  - Awarded quarterly to students who achieve academic excellence by earning a perfect 4.0 GPA with no grades below an A.
- Parent Teacher Fellowship Service Award – 2023-2024
  - 1 of 2 students nominated by the Parent Teacher Fellowship who show dedication to serving the school community.
- Parent Teacher Fellowship High Achievement Award – 2023. 2024, 2025
  - For recognition to students who maintains all A's in every class and every quarter since freshman year.
- Japanese National Honor Society Certificate – 2024
  - Nominated by a teacher for outstanding achievement in Japanese language studies.
- National Honor Society Certificate – 2024
  - Awarded for demonstrating excellence in scholarship, leadership, service and character while maintaining a perfect GPA.
- Pre-Chemistry Certificate of Recognition – 2025
  - Nominated by a teacher in recognition for high academic achievement and mastery of complex mathematical concepts.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Starbucks – Barista – 2024 to present
  - Being a Starbucks barista was so rewarding, that what started out as a temporary summer job in 2024 turned into a year-round adventure working 12 to 15 hours a week. I work in a fast-paced, customer focused environment making complicated drinks, cleaning equipment and restocking shelves, all while building relationships with coworkers and customers, gaining valuable skills and work ethics.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITES AND ORGANIZATINS

- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
  - ° University Avenue Baptist Church – 2023
    Remove and re-paint walls and railings to the outside of the church.
  - ° Kualoa Ranch Molii Pond – 2023, 2024
    Clear debris and re-stack rocks around the pond.
  - ° Hawaii Food Bank – 2024
    As co-chair for the NHS Hope for Homeless committee, we volunteered at Hawaii Food Bank's Food 4 Keiki program, helping pack and distribute nutritious meals to children facing food insecurity.
  - ° Hui o Ko'olaupoko's Kaha Garden – 2024
    Help remove evasive plants and clear pathways.
  - ° Hakuhia Pilina – 2024, 2025
    Remove debris from pond and surrounding area.
  - ° Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology Education Program – 2025
    Remove marine debris from Moku o Loe (Coconut Island).
- INTERACT CLUB
  - ° Honolulu Marathon – 2022
    Pass out water to runners at mile marker 20.
  - ° Lahaina Fire Wildfire Backpack Project – 2023
    As project manager, we helped fill over 1,000 backpacks with school supplies for the Lahaina children affected by the wildfires. Each backpack included notes of encouragement written by students sharing hope and love with the keiki of Maui.
- ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB
  - ° Genki Ala Wai Project – 2023, 2025
    The Ala Wai Canal has long collected sludge and pollutants, creating a toxic environment. Bioremediation using genki balls containing effective microorganisms absorbs the sludge and reduces odors which helps restore the canal's bionetwork. Over two years, we made hundreds of genki balls and threw them into the Ala Wai with the hope of bringing balance back to the canal.
  - ° Papahana Kuaola Community Workday – 2025, 2026
    Planting and harvesting kalo, clearing invasive plants, and restoring the irrigation systems.

UNIVERSITY DECISIONS

SUMMARY OF MY UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

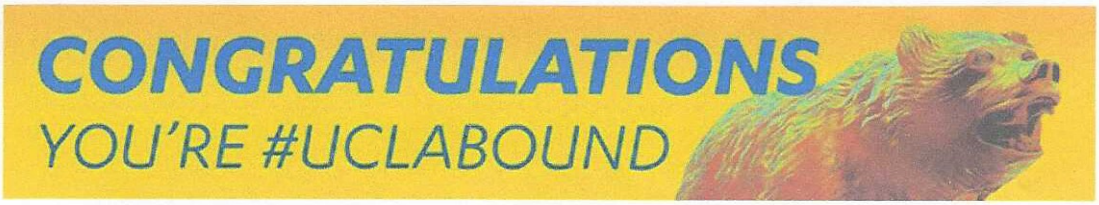
- Oregon State University – Admitted 11/13/2025
- Point Loma Nazarene University – Admitted 11/19/2025
- San Diego State University – Admitted 12/19/2025
- University of California Berkeley – Waitlisted 3/26/2026
- University of California Los Angeles – Admitted 3/20/2026
- University of California San Diego – Admitted 3/20/2026
- University of Hawaii – Admitted 10/23/2025
- University of Oregon – Admitted 12/22/2025
- University of Washington – Waitlisted 3/3/2026

MY DECISION

I was both surprised and incredibly grateful to be admitted to 7 of the 9 universities I applied to, with the remaining 2 placing me on their waitlists and no rejections. Each acceptance represented years of hard work, sacrifice, and support from my family, making this decision both exciting and deeply meaningful.

After carefully considering my options, I chose to accept my admission to the University of California, Los Angeles. When I visited the campus, I immediately felt a sense of belonging. The energy, diversity, and endless opportunities made me envision not just attending UCLA, but truly growing there, academically, professionally, and personally.

Choosing UCLA felt less like a decision and more like recognizing where I am meant to be. I am excited to challenge myself, pursue my goals in the medical field, and make the most of every opportunity available to me as I take this next step toward my future.



March 20, 2026

UCLA Student ID: **Click here to view**
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Miah Min Reiko Nakamura
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Kaneohe, HI 96744

Dear Miah:

Congratulations! It is our great pleasure to offer you admission to UCLA for the Fall Quarter 2026. You have been admitted to the UCLA College of Letters and Science with Biology as your academic major.

You were selected from the largest college applicant pool in the nation—over 146,000 students applied to UCLA. Your talents and academic accomplishments are exceptional, and we know that you will thrive here. With over 140 majors and 100 minors, the academic breadth and research opportunities available to you as a student are second to none. You will also receive personal attention from instructors: nearly two out of three undergraduate classes have fewer than 30 students. Our campus community offers over 1,000 clubs and organizations which will give you opportunities to engage and explore with your fellow Bruins.

UCLA prepares you to step into your future through our unique combination of cutting-edge academic programs, a diverse and engaging residential experience, support for post-graduate and career exploration, and a college town located in Los Angeles, one of the most innovative and diverse cities in the world. Our world-class faculty, supportive staff, and incredible students create an undergraduate experience that we believe is second to none.

Your next step is the formal acceptance of our admission offer, which you can complete at the **New Bruins website**. The site also includes information about important deadlines and your housing application. **Please review your Admission Contract to ensure that you will continue to meet the conditions of our offer.** For your reference, your UCLA Student ID is shown above.

For now, enjoy this moment and what it signifies—that you are about to begin one of the most exciting chapters in your life. I hope you are excited about the journey ahead! Los Angeles is about dreaming big, so I encourage you to realize your dreams here at UCLA. We proudly invite you to join our class of 2030.

Go Bruins!

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
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March 23, 2026

Dear Members of the Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to provide my best recommendation for Miah Nakamura in the context of her application for your scholarship program. As a practicing physician, I saw Miah throughout the summer of 2025 as she followed me during my daily rotations. I was constantly impressed during that time by her maturity, intellectual curiosity, and sincere dedication to patient care. Miah was eager to learn from the start of her shadowing. She asked thoughtful, meaningful questions about the diagnosis and treatment of patients, and the general healthcare process. And, critically, she displayed a profound appreciation that medicine involves more than research, but human compassion, communication, and trust. She dedicated time to watching the way clinical practices develop, and the kinds of relationships that are held in trust between provider and patient. Miah showed professionalism well above her years. She was punctual, respectful, and responsive through all interactions. Patients responded to her calm and compassionate demeanor, and you could tell she has the interpersonal skills demanded for an occupation in healthcare. She listens well and does not use a hostile attitude towards people who come from various places, and I appreciated it – that speaks volumes about her. Miah is passionate, academic, and driven by purpose. She had a big passion for what she wants to achieve as a physician assistant, and I have no doubt in my mind she has the attitude and the work ethic to do it. The fact she would take the initiative to seek out this shadowing opportunity shows her proactive nature and her dedication towards her goals. I am confident that she will make meaningful contributions to the healthcare field in the future, and I strongly believe she is deserving of your support. If you have any further questions, please feel free to get in touch.

Sincerely,
Dr. Dean Otaka, MD

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to offer my strongest recommendation for Miah Nakamura as a candidate for your scholarship program. My name is Manny Lopez, and I serve as a Supervisor at Starbucks, where I have had the pleasure of working with Miah since 2024.

From the very beginning, Miah distinguished herself as a reliable, motivated, and positive member of our team. Balancing the demands of school and part-time employment is no easy task, yet she consistently arrives prepared, focused, and ready to contribute. Her ability to manage responsibilities with professionalism and composure speaks volumes about her character and work ethic.

In a fast-paced environment like ours, teamwork and communication are essential. Miah excels in both areas. She collaborates effectively with her peers, supports team members during high-pressure shifts, and demonstrates strong interpersonal skills when interacting with customers. Her friendly demeanor and genuine care for others help create a welcoming environment that reflects the values we strive to uphold.

We were all incredibly proud to learn that Miah has been accepted into her dream university, the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). As her supervisor—and on behalf of the entire team who has worked alongside her, I can confidently say this achievement comes as no surprise. Her dedication, perseverance, and drive have always set her apart, and we are excited to see her continue to succeed in this next chapter.

Beyond her work performance, what truly stands out is Miah's character. She is respectful, compassionate, and driven to succeed. It is clear that she approaches both her academic and professional pursuits with determination and integrity. I have no doubt that she will carry these qualities into her future educational journey and beyond.

I wholeheartedly recommend Miah Nakamura for this scholarship. She is a dedicated and deserving individual who will make the most of every opportunity presented to her. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Best regards,
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