

Scholarship Terms and Conditions

Territorial Bank of American Samoa · Fall 2027 Cycle

1. ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Lolo Matalasi Moliga Scholarship (“the Scholarship”) is a one-time award from Territorial Bank of American Samoa (“the Bank,” “TBAS”), given as part of our commitment to giving back to the community. The Bank will award **20 scholarships of up to \$5,000 each** to students attending, or planning to attend, the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) in the Fall 2027 semester.

This is a one-time award for the Fall 2027 cycle. It is not renewable, and the Bank has not committed to offering the Scholarship in future years. By submitting an application, you agree to these Terms and Conditions.

Key Dates

Milestone	Date
Applications open	October 5, 2026
Application deadline	11:59 p.m. Samoa Standard Time (SST), January 31, 2027
Interviews (selected applicants)	February – April 2027
Award notification	No later than May 31, 2027
Award applies to	Fall 2027 semester at ASCC

2. WHO CAN APPLY

You may apply if you:

- ☐ Are a U.S. citizen or national living in American Samoa, or a lawful resident of American Samoa, as described in the Basic Eligibility Rules below; **and**
- ☐ Are either (a) currently enrolled at ASCC, or (b) a local individual planning to attend ASCC as an incoming student in Fall 2027; **and**
- ☐ Are pursuing an Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), trade/vocational certificate, or bachelor’s degree program at ASCC. No other institution is eligible.

Bank employees, members of the Bank’s Board of Directors, and their immediate family members may apply. Anyone involved in reviewing applications or making award decisions who has a conflict of interest with an applicant, including a family or close personal relationship, must disclose it and will not take part in reviewing that applicant.

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Basic Eligibility Rules

Rule	Requirement	Proof Required
Citizenship or Residency (one of the following)	(a) U.S. citizen or U.S. national living in American Samoa; or (b) Lawful resident of American Samoa with a valid Immigration ID	(a) Passport or government-issued ID, and proof of address (b) Valid Immigration ID and proof of address
Enrollment — Current ASCC Students	Currently enrolled at ASCC	ASCC-certified proof of enrollment
Enrollment — Incoming Students	Accepted to ASCC for Fall 2027	GED or high school transcript, and ASCC-verified acceptance or enrollment document
Fall 2027 Enrollment Load	Full time	ASCC enrollment documentation
Applicants Under 18	Parent or guardian consent required	Parent or guardian signature on the application form
One Application per Person	Only one application per applicant	Confirmed by the Scholarship Committee

Personal Essay

All applicants must submit a personal essay of 500 to 1,000 words responding to one (1) of the essay prompts. The essay prompts and formatting instructions are included in the Scholarship Application Form.

Use of AI Tools and Help from Others

Your essay must be your own original work, written in your own words and reflecting your own experiences, ideas, and voice.

You may:

- ☐ Use basic spelling and grammar checkers to correct errors, but not tools that generate or rewrite sentences.
- ☐ Ask a teacher, counselor, family member, or mentor to read your essay and give general feedback.

You may not:

- ☐ Submit an essay, or any part of one, written or generated by an artificial intelligence (AI) tool such as a chatbot or AI writing assistant, or use such a tool to rewrite or substantially edit your essay.
- ☐ Submit writing produced by another person, or have someone else write, rewrite, or substantially edit your essay.
- ☐ Copy text from books, websites, or other sources without clearly identifying and crediting it.

You confirm this by checking the essay declaration in the Applicant Declaration section of the application form. The Scholarship Committee may use review tools and may ask about your essay during the interview to confirm it is your own work. An essay that does not meet these requirements may be disqualified, and any award based on it may be cancelled under Section 5.

3. HOW TO APPLY

- 1 Submit your application between October 5, 2026, and 11:59 p.m. Samoa Standard Time (SST) on January 31, 2027. Hard-copy applications are not accepted, and late applications will not be considered.
- 2 Complete and sign the Scholarship Application Form, including the FERPA authorization. If you are under 18, a parent or guardian must also sign.
- 3 Write your personal essay (500–1,000 words) responding to one of the essay prompts in the Application Form, and save it as a separate PDF or Microsoft Word document.
- 4 Email your completed application form and personal essay to tbasscholarships@mytbas.com, together with any optional supporting documents (step 6).
- 5 To protect your personal information, do not send your identification or proof of address by regular email. You may either submit these documents through the Bank's secure document channel, using the instructions we will send you after we receive your application, or bring the original documents with you to your interview if you are selected for one. Your eligibility cannot be confirmed until these documents have been received and verified.
- 6 You may also include optional supporting documents with your email: an academic transcript and letter(s) of recommendation.
- 7 If your application is missing anything, we will email you. You will then have five (5) business days to submit the missing documents. Applications still incomplete after that will be removed from consideration.

Need help? Any applicant having issues submitting by email can contact the Human Resources Department at (684) 699-8143, ext. 128 or 169, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Hard-copy applications are not accepted, and all applications must be submitted by email by the deadline.

Email is our official channel. All Scholarship communication is by email. Please give a valid email address and check it regularly, including your spam folder. The Bank is not responsible for messages missed because of an incorrect or inactive address.

Apply early. If the Bank's systems are unavailable for an extended period because of a problem on the Bank's side, we may extend the deadline and will announce it on our website. The Bank is not responsible for failed submissions caused by your device, internet connection, or last-minute technical issues.

4. THE AWARD AND HOW IT IS PAID

- ☐ Each award is up to \$5,000, paid by the Bank directly to ASCC for your benefit. It can be used only for tuition, mandatory fees, or required textbooks. No money is paid to you directly.
- ☐ Before releasing funds, the Bank may confirm your enrollment and eligibility with ASCC. The FERPA authorization you sign in the application form, and again in the Award Acceptance Form, allows ASCC to share the education records needed for this purpose.
- ☐ You must complete, sign, and return the Award Acceptance Form within ten (10) business days of being notified. If you are under 18, a parent or legal guardian must also sign. If the form is not returned on time, the award may be forfeited and offered to another applicant.

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- ☐ The award applies to the Fall 2027 semester only and is not renewable.
- ☐ Any part of the award not used for tuition, mandatory fees, or required textbooks, including any credit balance or any refund from ASCC if you withdraw or reduce your enrollment, is subject to review by the Bank and ASCC, who will decide how the remaining funds are handled.
- ☐ This award may affect other financial aid you receive, including federal Pell Grants. Please check with the ASCC Financial Aid Office.
- ☐ ASCC decides how the funds are applied to your account. The Bank is not responsible for any difference between the award amount and your actual costs.

5. CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD

- ☐ You must enroll, and stay enrolled, at ASCC for Fall 2027 in the program named in your application.
- ☐ The Bank may cancel your award if you do not enroll for Fall 2027, withdraw before the semester begins, or provided false or misleading information in your application. Cancelled awards may be offered to another eligible applicant from this cycle.
- ☐ If, after funds are paid, the Bank learns that you were not eligible or provided false or misleading information, the award may be cancelled and will be subject to review by the Bank and ASCC.
- ☐ The award cannot be transferred to another person or another school.
- ☐ If you decline or cannot accept the award, notify the Bank's Human Resources Department in person, by email at tbasscholarships@mytbas.com, or by submitting a signed relinquishment form.

6. AWARD RECOGNITION

Awards will be formally acknowledged at your high school or ASCC graduation ceremony and formally presented at a banquet hosted by the Bank for all recipients. We ask recipients to attend where reasonably possible and to take part in reasonable Bank publicity about the award (see Section 8).

7. CHANGES TO THESE TERMS

The Bank may amend these Terms and Conditions, or cancel or change the Scholarship (including the number of awards, award amount, or timeline), at any time before funds are paid. We will make reasonable efforts to notify applicants in writing of any material change that may affect their application.

8. HOW WE USE YOUR INFORMATION

By applying, you allow the Bank to collect and use your application materials internally to run the Scholarship, including review by the Scholarship Committee and Bank staff responsible for the program.

If you receive an award, you allow the Bank to use your name, photograph, and general information about your award (such as your field of study, family, and community) for reasonable promotional and announcement purposes, including social media, radio, and other public platforms. If you do not want to be publicly featured, notify Human Resources in writing before the award recognition described in Section 6. If you are under 18, a parent or legal guardian must give publicity consent on the Award Acceptance Form.

The Bank keeps applicant and awardee records in line with its document retention and recordkeeping requirements. You may ask Human Resources to see or correct the personal information you submitted.

9. TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The Bank does not provide tax advice. Depending on your circumstances, all or part of a scholarship may be considered taxable income. You are responsible for your own tax obligations and are encouraged to consult a qualified tax professional.

10. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Bank evaluates all applications fairly and consistently, using the same evaluation criteria and the Basic Eligibility Rules for every applicant, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other status protected by law.

11. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS

Submitting an application means you accept these Terms and Conditions. Selected applicants must also sign the Award Acceptance Form before funds are paid. If you are under 18, a parent or legal guardian should review these terms with you and must co-sign the Award Acceptance Form.

12. GOVERNING LAW, QUESTIONS, AND GENERAL TERMS

These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of American Samoa. Questions about the Scholarship, these terms, or an application in progress can be sent to tbasscholarships@mytbas.com.

If any part of these Terms and Conditions is found invalid or unenforceable, the rest remains in full effect. These Terms and Conditions, together with the Scholarship Application Form (including its document checklist) and the Award Acceptance Form, are the complete terms of the Scholarship and replace any earlier oral or written statements about it. If these terms are translated into Samoan or another language, the English version governs.