



**Honolulu Federal Credit Union dba HOCU**  
2020 - 2021 HOCU Rising Star Scholarship Program

Dear Student and HOCU Member:

Honolulu Federal Credit Union (dba HOCU) is offering up to five (5) \$2,000 scholarships to qualified member-applicants who have been accepted into, or are already enrolled in, a trade school/community college/university program (including online courses), at any two-or four-year institution of higher learning for the 2020-2021 academic year. Recipients must be enrolled as full-time students, be primary members of HOCU in good standing, and be willing to have their picture published.

For consideration of a scholarship, the following criteria will be used:

- Academic Merit -cumulative GPA of 2.5 – 3.2 = 5 points,  
3.3 – 4.04 = 10 points
- Achievements, Awards, Extracurricular Activities – 10 points
- Community Service – 15 points
- Personal Essay – 50 points
- The total maximum points an applicant can receive is 85.

Financial information disclosed by the applicant will only be used to determine financial need for this scholarship and will be held in strict confidence by HOCU, its employees, volunteers, and committee members.

Please review our most commonly asked Questions and Answers prior to completing the scholarship form. This information will help you complete the application. Your completed application must include the following:

- Scholarship Form
- Official Transcript
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Essay (**see Question #11**)
- List of Achievements, Awards, Extra-Curricular Activities

All documents must be mailed to the Scholarship Committee with a postmark date no later than June 10, 2020. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Mary Young at 777-5610 or by email at [myoung@myhocu.com](mailto:myoung@myhocu.com).

Thank you for your interest in higher education!

Sincerely,

Mark Munemitsu  
President & CEO

Christopher Jay  
Chairman, Board of Directors



**Honolulu Federal Credit Union dba HOCU**  
**2020-2021 HOCU Rising Star Scholarship Form**

General Information

Name:		Credit Union Account No:	
Address:		City:	
State:		Zip:	
Birthdate:		Age:	
Phone (Number where you can be reached at all times):			
Email (Will only be used to contact you regarding this scholarship):			
High School Currently Attending:			
College or University Currently Attending or Planning to Attend:			
Field of Study:		Degree Pursuing	
Enrolling as a		In the Fall of 2020	
When will you graduate from college/university/professional education?			

Financial Information

Income questions should be completed with 2019 income information.

Applicant's Source of Income:	
Applicant's Total Income (include Wages, Salaries, Tips, etc.):	
Will you be considered a DEPENDENT of a parent or legal guardian in the Fall of 2020?	
If you are a DEPENDENT, provide the information as it applies to your parents, step-parents, or guardians:	



Indicate if there are siblings or children in the Household:					
Name		Age		School Attending	
Father's or Legal Guardian's Occupation:					
Father's or Legal Guardian's Total Income (include Wages, Salaries, Tips, etc.)					
Mother's or Legal Guardian's Occupation:					
Mother's or Legal Guardian's Total Income (include Wages, Salaries, Tips, etc.)					
If you are SELF-SUPPORTING, provide the information on yourself. If you are married, provide your spouse's information.					
Your Occupation:					
Your Total Income (include Wages, Salaries, Tips, etc.)					
Spouse's Occupation:					
Spouse's Total Income (include Wages, Salaries, Tips, etc.)					
Itemize estimated annual expenses related to education for the 2020-2021 school year:					
	Tuition & Fees	\$			
	Room & Board	\$			
	Books & Supplies	\$			
	Travel	\$			
	Other	\$			
	Total	\$			
Itemize percentage of the estimated expenses related to education that will be covered by:					
	Self	\$			
	Parents	\$			
	Spouse	\$			
	Other Scholarships	\$			
	Other	\$			
	Total	\$			



Attachments

Check the following that will accompany this scholarship form.

	Official Transcript
	Letters of Recommendation from two individuals indicated below:
1.	
2.	
	Personal Essay
	List of Achievements, Awards, and Extra-Curricular Activities

Certification

I certify to the best of my knowledge the above information is accurate and correct.

Applicant's Signature		Date	
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Father or Legal Guardian's Signature		Date	
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Mother or Legal Guardian's Signature		Date	
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Spouse's Signature		Date	
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List of Achievements, Awards, Extra-Curricular Activities  
(Do not include any achievements prior to high school)

Name of Applicant:	
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School Activities (including Sports and Extra-Curricular Activities): (Use spreadsheet format for Activities, Awards and Community Service. List each item, year of participation with a brief description of item.)

Awards:

Activity	Year(s)	Description

Community Service:

Activity	Year(s)	Description



## Questions & Answers

### 1. Am I eligible to apply?

An applicant must be a primary member of HOCU and must be accepted and planning to enroll as a full-time student at an institution of higher learning such as a Trade School, Community College or University. Enrolling as a full-time student taking online courses also qualifies you as an applicant. You are a primary member of HOCU if you receive a statement with your name listed and have a regular share account with a minimum of \$5.

### 2. Can my parent, grandparent, or guardian apply for me?

No one else can submit the application for an applicant. You, the applicant, must apply yourself, and be the primary member of a HOCU account.

### 3. How do I apply?

Go to our website at [www.myhocu.com](http://www.myhocu.com) to download the scholarship information.

Once completed, send all the following documentation in **ONE envelope**:

- 1) Scholarship Form
- 2) Official Transcript
- 3) Two Letters of Recommendation
- 4) Personal Essay
- 5) List of Achievements, Awards, and Extra-Curricular Activities

**Mail to: Honolulu Federal Credit Union dba HOCU  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 235862  
Honolulu, HI 96823-3515**

**HAND DELIVERED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

### 4. Are there any deadlines?

Completed application must be postmarked no later than June 10, 2020 and all applicants will be notified by mail by the Scholarship Committee no later than July 31, 2020

The check will be payable and mailed to the School/University you are enrolled in for the 2020 fall semester. If you do not enroll in the 2020 fall semester, you will become ineligible for the scholarship funds.

### 5. Are there any marketing requirements expected of me, if I am awarded a scholarship?

Yes, the scholarship recipient will be asked to participate in a photo opportunity for HOCU, and/or could be asked to participate in a speaking engagement.



6. Can I contest the selection?

No, the HOCU Scholarship Committee selections are final.

7. What can my scholarship funds be used for?

The scholarship funds may be used for all educational expenses such as tuition, books, fees, supplies, room and board, and miscellaneous education-related expenses.

8. Is the scholarship taxable?

Please consult a tax expert for advice.

9. How will the Scholarship Committee know if a transcript is “official”?

Your academic school/university should seal the official transcript in an envelope bearing the school address and/or logo, with your name on the outside of the envelope.

10. Who can I ask to write letters of recommendation for me?

Your two letters of recommendation should be current letters from individuals, such as teachers, coaches, or advisors, who have worked with you within the last school year and can attest to your character and work or study ethics. These individuals must not be related to or living with you.

11. What should I address in my personal essay?

Focus your personal essay on two of the three questions below in order to persuade members of the Scholarship Committee to award you this scholarship. The essay should be typed, double-spaced, a minimum of 12-point text and no more than 2 pages long.

**Upon graduation from college, where do you envision your career taking you in the next 10 years?**

**Has any community service project you participated in within the last year helped guide you towards the career you will be choosing? Explain why.**

**Is there a challenging event in your life that you were able to overcome and grow from that experience?**

12. May I receive more than one scholarship from the HOCU?

Scholarship recipients are not eligible for another HOCU scholarship in the future. HOCU would like to provide this opportunity to other member-applicants.

13. If I do not receive a scholarship this year, may I apply again next year?

Yes, you are eligible to submit your application again in a subsequent year by completing the application in its entirety by the stated deadline.