



Hawai`i Conference of the United Church of Christ Henry Opukaha`ia Scholarship

Purpose:

The mission of the Hawai`i Conference United Church of Christ is to participate in God's mission of proclaiming the good news of God's Kingdom in Jesus Christ.

The Henry Opukaha`ia Scholarship is used to support clergy training by providing financial aid for seminary, postgraduate and continuing educational expenses. Appropriate programs include a seminary course of study, post-seminary studies or continuing education.

Eligible Applicants:

1. Seminarians preparing for pastoral leadership who are in-care and members in good standing of an HCUCC church.
2. Individual ministers with current authorized standing in an Association of the HCUCC; are active in the local church, Association and Conference; and who have completed one year of service to the HCUCC and need supplemental funding to attend programs.

Funds Available and Scholarship Ranges:

Funds are available in two categories:

1. Small scholarships up to \$500.00
2. Large scholarships over \$500.00

Small scholarship applications will be reviewed monthly by a subcommittee of the Stewardship Missional Team. Large scholarship applications will be reviewed by the full Team which meets quarterly.

Only one scholarship per applicant may be granted in a fiscal year.

Guidelines for Considering Applications

1. Length of service in local church and involvement in Association or Conference
2. Relationship of study to leadership development for Christian ministry
3. Time lapse since seminary or other significant study was done
4. Applicant's financial need
5. Applicant's assistance from other funding sources
6. Applicant's stated intention to do ministry in Hawaii after training
7. Sharing of costs (preferably equally) by the applicant, church and Conference scholarship.

Reporting Requirement:

A written report (500 words or less) is due within 30 days after completion of study or program. The report might include:

- How effective was your study and would you recommend it to others?
- How will this study experience enhance your ministry?
- What helpful learning experiences would you be able to share with other leaders of the Conference?
- Can the HCUCC Formation Missional Team call on you for leadership in this area of church work in the future?
- How would you suggest your learning be shared?

For seminarians, also supply a report of academic progress, transcript or grades, or similar report provided to the Church and Ministry Committee, within 30 days after the end of the academic year.

Application process:

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. To speed up the review process, we prefer you submit it electronically first (no signature required), then also mail in a signed copy. Mail or deliver the original to Stewardship Missional Team, Hawai`i Conference UCC, 700 Bishop St., Suite 825, Honolulu, HI 968137. Faxed applications must be followed by a mailed or delivered original application.

Contact person for questions: Christine Nu`uhiwa at 791-5649 or cnuuhiwa@hcucc.org.



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Print or type:

Applicant's name, telephone, email:

Church and Association:

Position in Church:

Years of service in HCUCC:

Do you have ministerial standing or in-care status?

If "yes", date granted:

Does your church contribute to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)?

Do you contribute to Friends of the Conference?

Description of Program (sponsoring institution, dates, etc.):

Address of sponsoring institution:

Amount Requesting: \$ 0.00

Budget

Expenses: it is suggested that the costs be shared by the HCUCC, local church, and applicant equally.	
Tuition	
Books/Materials	
Room and Board	
Travel	
Other Expenses (describe below)*	
Total Estimated Expenses	
Resources:	
Church contribution	
Personal contribution	
Association contribution	
Trusts/Foundations	
Current Scholarships Granted	
Gifts	
Other Income (describe below)**	

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Background information:

1. List involvement in your Church, Association, Conference and Denomination.

2. What goals are you pursuing with regard to the program which you plan to attend?

3. List pertinent financial information which the Committee should consider.

4. Please provide brochure(s) and registration costs with application.

5. List those continuing educational programs you participated in over the last five years (continue on a separate sheet if necessary and attach).

I understand that the scholarship I am applying for is contingent on verification of my having standing in an Association of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ (HCUCC), and acceptance of the following terms and conditions.

1. Scholarship funds will be used only for the purpose(s) described in this application.
2. A report of the event attended and how funds were used is required.
3. I must notify and return unused funds to HCUCC at the end of the scholarship period. HCUCC must be notified in advance if the project or use of funds differs materially from the event in this application.
4. By signing below, we verify that the board of the above named church has approved this grant application.

Applicant

Church Pastor (for Seminarian Applicants)
or
Church Moderator (for Pastors Applying)

Date

Date