

# Kahu Leilani M. Keanu Scholarship for Theological Education Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches

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## **History and Goal:**

The Kahu Leilani M. Keanu Scholarship for Theological Education was established in May 1999 at the time of Kahu Leilani's ordination and installation as minister to Kalihi and Moanalua Church. Kahu Leilani used the offerings received to establish the scholarship out of concern for the future of the Hawaiian churches due to the lack of clergy to fill the pulpits. She established the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches Scholarship Fund to provide financial assistance to those called to ministry in the Hawaiian churches. The scholarship fund was renamed in November 2012 to honor her commitment to Christian ministry in the Hawaiian churches.

The goal of the scholarship fund is to develop and support clergy and laity for Christian ministry through offering grants for leadership development of clergy and laity.

## **Who Can Apply:**

Members of an Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches congregation who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply:

### **1) Members in Discernment and Seminars:**

A member in good standing with an AHEC congregation, a recognized 'member in discernment' or seminarian with the AHEC Church and Ministry Committee. Upon completion of program would be available to serve in an AHEC church.

### **2) Clergy:**

A licensed or ordained minister in good standing with AHEC who has completed one year of ministry and who is actively serving a congregation.

### **3) Church Staff and Lay Leaders:**

A member in good standing with an AHEC congregation who has demonstrated leadership potential through participation in member's church, Association or Conference committee or in such roles as Christian Education Director, Minister of Music, Moderator/President, and others in leadership development in for Christian ministry.

## **Application Guidelines**

Active participation and membership in a local AHEC church and/or the Association

Leadership development study related to Christian Ministry

Time lapse since previous significant study

Financial Need

Other Funding Sources

Recommendation from Church

Intention to do ministry in AHEC

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**Application Deadlines:**

The committee will review applications as we receive them. The Keanu Scholarship Committee will act on applications, respond in writing in to applicants and report action at next convening 'Aha Halawai, 'Aha Iki or AHEC Board of Directors meeting.

**Application Forms:**

Please use the appropriate application form. Members in Discernment please complete the Member in Discernment application form. Clergy and Laity please complete the Clergy and Laity form.

Please send completed application form to:

Scholarship Committee  
Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches  
700 Bishop Street, Suite 825  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Attn: C. Nuuhiwa

**Report to Committee**

Scholarship recipients are asked to send a written report to the committee within three months after completion of course of study.

The recipient's report should address these questions:

- 1) Was the study helpful? Would you recommend it to others?
- 2) How will this study experience help in your ministry now or in the future?
- 3) What was helpful from this experience that I can share with my local church and AHEC?
- 4) If need be, can the AHEC Church and Ministry committee ask you to be a ministry resource?
- 5) Suggest how your learning experience can be shared with my local church and AHEC.

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