
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIPS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 304A-504, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) Appropriations for the state scholars program shall
4 be deposited into the [†]University of Hawaii scholarship and
5 assistance special fund[†] established pursuant to section
6 [†]304A-2159[†]. The number of scholarships awarded and amount
7 of each scholarship shall be determined by the university
8 subject to the availability of funds.

9 The University of Hawaii shall offer scholarships to pay
10 for educational costs, such as tuition, fees, books, housing,
11 and other educational costs; provided that the scholarship
12 applicant:

13 (1) Is a bona fide resident of the State, for tuition
14 purposes, at the time of admission to the university;

15 (2) Presents evidence of academic excellence by meeting
16 one or more of the following:



- 1 (A) Graduation from a public or private high school
2 in the State as a valedictorian of the
3 applicant's class;
- 4 (B) Has a cumulative high school grade point average
5 of 4.0 as determined for admission to the
6 university; [~~or~~]
- 7 (C) Has achieved a test score on a standardized
8 college admission test recognized and accepted by
9 the university for admission consideration, such
10 as SAT or ACT, that places the student among the
11 top ten percentile of students taking the test
12 nationwide; or
- 13 (D) Graduation from a public high school in the State
14 with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 as
15 determined for admission to the university if the
16 student qualified for and received special
17 education services for two or more years during
18 enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve;
- 19 (3) Enrolls at a University of Hawaii system campus within
20 eighteen months of graduating from high school; and



1 (4) Maintains satisfactory progress toward degree
2 completion and a cumulative 3.0 grade point average."

3 SECTION 2. Section 304A-506, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "[~~f~~]**§304A-506**[~~f~~] **Hawaii community college promise program;**

6 **established.** (a) Notwithstanding section 304A-501, there is
7 established the Hawaii community college promise program to be
8 administered by the board of regents. The program shall provide
9 scholarships for the unmet direct cost needs of qualified
10 students enrolled at any community college campus of the
11 University of Hawaii.

12 (b) A student enrolled at a community college campus shall
13 be eligible for scholarship consideration for a maximum of eight
14 semesters if the student:

- 15 (1) Qualifies for Hawaii resident tuition;
- 16 (2) Completes and submits the Free Application for Federal
17 Student Aid for each academic year and accepts all
18 federal and state aid, grants, scholarships, and other
19 funding sources that do not require repayment;
- 20 (3) Is enrolled in a classified degree or certificate
21 program with six or more credits per semester;



1 (4) Maintains satisfactory academic progress, as defined
2 by federal requirements established pursuant to
3 Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as
4 amended, and determined by the campus at which the
5 student is enrolled; and

6 (5) Has been determined by the campus to have unmet direct
7 cost needs.

8 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a student enrolled at
9 a community college campus shall also be eligible for
10 scholarship consideration for a maximum of eight semesters if
11 the student graduated from a public high school in the State
12 with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 as determined for
13 admission to the community college if the student qualified for
14 and received special education services for two or more years
15 during enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve.

16 [~~e~~] (d) Scholarships shall be awarded to the extent
17 possible based on available funds and on a greatest need
18 basis[~~-~~]; provided that ten per cent of available funds shall be
19 dedicated to students who fulfill the requirements of subsection
20 (c); provided further that if there are no students available
21 who fulfill the requirements of subsection (c) prior to the



1 beginning of the school year, all funds shall be made available
 2 to students who fulfill the requirements of subsection (b). An
 3 award granted to a student shall be equal to the student's unmet
 4 direct cost need, based on the Free Application for Federal
 5 Student Aid calculation of need, less the amounts available to
 6 the student from Pell grants and other scholarships.

7 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) ~~[(e)]~~ For a student who qualifies for a
 8 scholarship pursuant to subsection (b), to maintain a
 9 scholarship under this section, ~~[(a)]~~ the student shall meet the
 10 requirements of subsection (b)(4).

11 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) As used in this section, "direct cost" means any
 12 cost directly related to a student's education, including
 13 tuition; educational fees; and the costs of books, supplies, and
 14 transportation between the student's dwelling and the student's
 15 campus."

16 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Scholarships; Special Education Students; University of Hawaii;
State Scholars Program; Hawaii Community College Promise Program

Description:

Allows applicants who graduated from a public high school in the State with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and qualified for and received special education services for two or more years during enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve to be eligible for the Hawaii state scholars program. Allows students enrolled at a community college campus who graduated from a public high school in the State with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and qualified for and received special education services for two or more years during enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve to be eligible for the Hawaii community college promise program and requires ten percent of available funds for the program to be dedicated for those students; provided that if there are no such students who meet the qualifications prior to the beginning of the school year, all funds for the program shall be made available to students who meet the other requirements of the program.

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