

Scholarships for International Students in F-1 Status at UH Hilo

International students in F-1 status are not eligible for U.S. government financial aid or loans. There are, however, several possible scholarships available after 1-2 semesters of completed credit courses at UH Hilo; the ones available to most students are listed below. The total amount of the scholarships may not exceed the amount of a student's tuition. For most scholarships, students apply in March of a certain year for scholarships that begin in the following August.

1. International Student Scholarship - must have a GPA of 3.0 or better. Preference is given to students from countries in the Pacific-Asian Region. Students must have completed at least 12 graded credit hours. Amount of up to 1.5 times the resident rate of tuition may be awarded; the amount for 2008-2009 was \$2000 per semester. Applications are available from Ruth Robison, International Student Services Office, UH Hilo, Student Services Building outside room 206.

2. Dean's Award – must be a full-time student having completed approximately one year of academic course work. This award of up to \$1000 per semester is made to a sophomore, junior, or senior for scholarly achievement. These scholarships are available from each college Dean's office; eligibility requirements and amounts may vary among colleges. Applications are available from the Deans' and the Financial Aid Office.

3. Mildred W. Towle Trust Fund – The Mildred Towle Scholarship assists students earning a baccalaureate or graduate level degree at any campus of the University of Hawai'i. Awards of \$1000 to \$1500 per semester will be granted. Previous recipients may reapply. Students meeting all of the qualifications below may apply. Check the Web site for the spring 2009 deadline.

- a. Classified full-time student who has completed at least one semester at University of Hawai'i
- b. Citizens of a country other than the United States or from U.S. territories are eligible
- c. Academic merit as demonstrated by a grade point average of at least 3.0
- d. Some degree of financial need

Students whose academic program includes an Asian or Pacific focus and/or students from Asian or Pacific countries are especially encouraged to apply. Information including the application and deadline will be available January 15 at this site:

<http://www.hawaii.edu/admissions/aid.html>

Look for the link on the right-hand side of the page. You do NOT need to fill out the FAFSA, which is for US citizens and permanent residents. Click on Apply Now, scroll down, and click on either First Time User Login or Returning User Login.

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UH Hilo's Financial Aid Office has an application for other specific scholarships on-line:
<<https://uhhhawaii.scholarships.nelnet.net/>>

Helpful Web site for additional scholarship information: <<http://www.fastweb.com>>