

Hawaii Association of Public Accountants (HAPA) Scholarship
Big Island Application Information for the
ASSOCIATES (TWO-YEAR) DEGREE CANDIDATE

AWARD: \$750.00 FOR THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: The student must:

1. Be pursuing a career in accounting.
2. Be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited community college in the 2022-2023 academic year. (Part-time students will be considered if they provide a written statement on the circumstances preventing them from being full-time students.)
3. Have a satisfactory academic record.
4. Be a Big Island high school graduate (or will be graduating in May 2022), **OR** will be attending Hawaii Community College in the 2022-2023 academic year (applicants who will be attending Hawaii Community College may be graduates from **any** high school, not necessarily those located on the Big Island).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

1. Complete and submit the HAPA Scholarship Application Form.
2. Submit academic transcript(s) reflecting your most recent course work.
3. Attach a letter of introduction that includes a statement of your educational and career goals, your status of financial need, and your involvement in extracurricular activities. Include organizations you participate in at school (or had participated in while in high school, if you are already out of high school) as well as your participation in community events; e.g., coaching a baseball team, and any work experience. Also, describe your achievements in school, in the community, and at work, stating why they have been important to you. In other words, explain why you should be selected for this scholarship (also see *Selection Criteria* below). You may also include letters of recommendation (optional, but very highly recommended).
4. Attach proof of graduation from a Big Island high school (N/A for current Big Island high school seniors in good standing who will be graduating in 2022 or those who will be attending Hawaii Community College in the 2022-2023 academic year).

SELECTION CRITERIA: These factors will be considered when judging applicants:

1. 30% - Academic performance (grade point average, types of courses completed, etc.).
2. 20% - Demonstration of financial need (you may choose to elaborate about your financial circumstances in your letter of introduction).
3. 20% - Extracurricular activities, community service, service to school and to others.
4. 30% - Completeness and overall presentation of the scholarship application, including personal letter of introduction and (optional) letters of recommendation.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: April 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 academic year.

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Hawaii Association of Public Accountants
Attention: Keith Marrack
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Hilo, Hawaii 96720

