

# Friends of the Library of Hawai`i Scholarship Policy Statement

The Friends of the Library of Hawai`i is offering scholarships to men and women pursuing a Master's degree in Library Science at the University of Hawai`i. Applications are available online and are accepted annually in early May. Scholarships are awarded each year by the end of June.

## **PURPOSE**

To provide financial assistance to students who are currently enrolled in the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, University of Hawai`i, or who have been accepted for enrollment for the fall semester. Those enrolled through the HITS program must so state.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

1. Be a resident of the State of Hawai`i
2. Be enrolled in the Library and Information Science Program or accepted for the fall semester

## **Application Deadline**

In order to be considered for a scholarship, applicant must complete and submit all required materials by May 29, 2009.

## **Required Materials**

1. Friends of the Library of Hawai`i Scholarship Application Form
2. Personal letter describing your objectives and clearly establishing your reasons for pursuing a library career. This should include any information you feel would be helpful to the Committee in considering your need for scholarship assistance.  
(Must be attached to application form.)
3. Signed Scholarship Policy Statement
4. Two letters of recommendation from persons other than family members who know you well and can comment on your character, ability, and potential success in librarianship. Please have the letters sent directly to the Friends of the Library of Hawai`i.
5. Official transcripts of undergraduate work and any graduate work completed.

## General Information

The Scholarship Committee will interview applicants in June. Applicants will be contacted by email or by phone. Please be sure to include a contact number for the month of June. Note that phone interviews are possible, but need to be arranged in advance. If the committee is unable to interview you, your application may be considered incomplete, resulting in disqualification.

Awards will be made on the basis of scholarship, character, and financial need.

Scholarship awardees will be notified by the end of June.

In the event you are awarded a scholarship:

1. Checks for scholarships will be forwarded to winners upon receipt of a photo suitable for reproduction. Passport type "head shot" at least 2"x 2".
2. The Committee expects the recipients of the scholarships to keep in touch with the Committee by reporting on progress at school and contemplated placement after graduation. The Committee would appreciate the recipient's attendance at the Friends Annual Meeting held in February.
3. If the recipient does not graduate from library school within three years after receipt of the scholarship, the entire amount reverts to a loan and must be repaid within two years after last attendance at school.

All information presented will be held in strictest confidence.

**Please sign and return this policy statement to indicate acceptance of the above specifications and conditions.**

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Signature

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Date