

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Bridge To Hope
Serving UH Welfare Recipient Students

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To: Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Employees
Re: Income Verification & Title IV Funding Source
Univ. of Hawai'i Bridge to Hope

Bridge to Hope is a partnership between the University of Hawai'i (employer) and the Hawai'i State Dept. of Human Services' First-to-Work programs.

Bridge to Hope provides student support and TANF-subsidized employment for University of Hawai'i students participating in the State's First-to-Work / Welfare-to-Work program. Bridge to Hope employment is one component of the clients' First-to-Work employment and training plan, which can include vocational or baccalaureate education programs. Bridge to Hope earnings are considered part of "TANF" benefits, as they are earned while participating in TANF-required work activities.

Bridge to Hope employment is funded by the State with federal "pass-through" TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) funds, which are Title IV of the Social Security Act. Bridge to Hope earnings are exempt from State TANF assistance income calculations, as well as SNAP (foodstamps).

The number of hours per week that student/clients work depends on their First-to-Work program requirements and full-time UH enrollment. Many positions are "student assistant" and will start and stop depending on the full-time enrollment status of the student/client.

If you have any further questions regarding the Bridge to Hope program, please feel free to call or email me.



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