

REPORT ON TUITION WAIVERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Section 3, Act 161, SLH 1995, HRS 304-16.5, and Chapter 6-4 of the Board of Regents Bylaws and Policies require the University to submit an annual report on assistance provided to students through the tuition waiver program. This report is for the 2001-2002 year at all campuses of the University of Hawai'i.

The current tuition waiver program is consistent with amendments to University of Hawai'i administrative rules on tuition waivers approved by the Board in 1998. The amendments were approved to implement Act 161 (1995) and Act 237 (1996) which provided authority to the Board to grant, modify and suspend previous legislatively mandated tuition waivers as well as to establish new ones.

In March 1997, the Board of Regents approved a Tuition Assistance Plan effective Fall 1997 that provided the following tuition waivers:

- 1) **General Waivers.** The purpose of General Waivers is to provide access to higher education by Hawai'i residents; to attract and retain academically superior Hawai'i students; and to develop student diversity. A maximum number of 13% of the previous fall semester's full-time equivalent enrollment at each campus may be awarded in General Tuition Waivers.

Need-Based. A minimum of 70% of the General Tuition Waivers must be awarded on the basis of financial need. 250 of the need based tuition waivers are reserved for needy Hawaiian students. (Note: Hawaiians are eligible and receive assistance through all tuition waiver categories.)

Merit/Service. Up to 30% of the General Tuition Waivers may be awarded based on merit or service criteria.

- 2) **Pacific Asian Scholarships (PAS).** The purpose of the PAS is to attract and retain well-qualified students from the Pacific/Asian region or students pursuing studies important to the Pacific/Asian region. Up to 2% of the previous fall semester's full-time equivalent enrollment may be awarded as Pacific Asian Scholarships.

3) **Categorical Waivers.**

- a) UH Employees. Per collective bargaining agreement and BOR Policy 6-4-3.1, faculty and staff who are employed at least half-time, are exempt from tuition and fees for not more than six credits per regular semesters.
- b) Graduate Assistants. Per HRS 304-12.4 and BOR Policy 6-4-3.2, graduate assistants are exempt from full or partial tuition charges based on their FTE appointment level.

- 4) **Other.** A limited number of tuition waivers are available for: a) Regents and Presidential Scholars; b) intercollegiate athletes; c) band members, d) commitments of tuition waivers through agreements with other institutions.

- 5) **9-11 Waivers.** In October 2001, the UH Board of Regents approved a temporary special tuition waiver program in response to the layoffs resulting from the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, DC and Pennsylvania. Tuition waivers were offered to students who had been totally laid off or to the spouse or child of workers who were laid off as a result of the aftermath of the Sept. 11th tragedy. The 9-11 Tuition Waivers were in effect for the Spring and Fall 2002 semesters.

In 2001-2002, approximately \$17 million in tuition assistance (see Table 1) was provided. A total of 7,630 students systemwide received full or partial waivers of tuition charges (see Table 2). As indicated in Tables 1 and 2, tuition waivers are heavily utilized at all University of Hawai'i campuses. No tuition waivers or stipends have been awarded under the Hawai'i Opportunity Program in Education.

The University is currently reviewing existing policies and procedures that relate to the Tuition Assistance Program. When completed, the comprehensive Executive Policy and amendments to Chapter 6 of the Board of Regents Policy will incorporate changes recommended by an audit by PricewaterhouseCoopers; Act 161 (1995); Act 237 (1996); HAR 20-6 (1998); and applicable federal regulations.

Table 1
University of Hawai'i
TUITION WAIVER UTILIZATION
2001-2002

	UHM	UHH	UHWO	HawCC	HonCC	KapCC	KauCC	LCC	MCC	WCC	TOTALS
GENERAL											
Needy Hawaiians	\$ 380,912	\$ 38,806	\$ 7,872	\$ 10,062	\$ 15,618	\$ 62,825	\$ 5,461	\$ 23,013	\$ 59,786	\$ 6,562	\$ 610,917
Other Needy	\$ 3,105,296	\$ 397,420	\$96,284	\$132,059	\$174,675	\$355,640	\$ 73,507	\$193,915	\$111,394	\$ 82,347	\$ 4,722,537
9-11	\$ 72,845	\$ 8,275	\$ 3,050	\$ 2,193	\$ 2,107	\$ 7,955	\$ 1,978	\$ 731	\$ 4,379	\$ 5,444	\$ 108,957
Merit	\$ 1,870,498	\$ 191,334	\$ 984	\$ 16,465	\$ 74,123	\$ 85,366	\$ 7,231	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,089	\$ 2,246,826
Regent/Presidential	\$ 280,930	\$ 11,880	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 129	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 298,203
Athletes	\$ 1,819,306	\$ 206,352	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,025,658
Band	\$ 522,853	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 522,853
Agreements	\$ 272,334	\$ 42,144	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 314,478
Pacific-Asian	\$ 1,174,039	\$ 124,233	\$14,760	\$ 8,712	\$ 25,793	\$ 55,698	\$ 16,406	\$ 30,860	\$ 2,537	\$ 10,208	\$ 1,463,246
CATEGORICAL											
UH Employees	\$ 413,868	\$ 12,423	\$ 6,286	\$ 7,350	\$ 4,377	\$ 0	\$ 4,033	\$ 2,941	\$ 5,673	\$ 1,667	\$ 458,618
Grad Assistants	\$ 4,233,256	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,233,256
Summer	\$ 25,103	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 25,103
TOTALS	\$14,171,240	\$1,032,866	\$129,236	\$176,841	\$296,822	\$567,484	\$108,617	\$251,460	\$183,769	\$112,316	\$17,030,652

Table 2
University of Hawai'i
TUITION WAIVER UTILIZATION
NUMBERS OF RECIPIENTS
2001-2002

	UHM	UHH	UHWO	HawCC	HonCC	KapCC	KauCC	LCC	MCC	WCC	TOTALS
GENERAL											
Needy Hawaiians	122	24	4	10	19	98	5	26	88	8	404
Other Needy	1303	214	68	167	154	547	84	302	164	98	3101
9-11	36	9	4	5	5	17	4	2	10	12	104
Merit	672	83	1	18	87	148	12	0	0	6	1018
Regent/Presidential	94	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	110
Athletes	365	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	412
Band	256	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	256
Agreements	93	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103
Pacific-Asian	269	46	9	2	19	76	12	37	4	13	487
CATEGORICAL											
UH Employees	378	25	10	23	17	0	18	17	27	8	523
Grad Assistants	1064	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1064
Summer	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
TOTALS	4700	464	96	225	302	886	135	384	293	145	7630

