



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

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Annual Report on

TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM 2003-2004

SECTION 3, ACT 161, SLH 1995  
HRS 304-16.5

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**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 2003-2004 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) Faculty Spouse/Domestic Partner. The 2003-05 faculty (Unit 7) collective bargaining agreement extended eligibility for tuition waivers to faculty

spouse/domestic partner. Faculty spouses/domestic partners are exempt from tuition and fees for not more than six credits per regular semester.

- c) Graduate Assistants. Per HRS 304-12.4 and BOR Policy 6-43.2, graduate assistants are exempt from full or partial tuition charges based on their FTE appointment level.
- 4) **Other**. A 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.

In 2003-2004, \$18,456,568 in tuition assistance was provided. (see Table on Dollar Value of Tuition Waiver). A total of 8,426 students systemwide received full or partial waivers of tuition charges (see Table on Number of Tuition Waiver Recipients). Tuition waivers are heavily utilized at all University of Hawai'i campuses.

In 2003-2004, there were no 9/11 Tuition waivers utilized by students and no tuition waivers were awarded under the Hawaii Opportunity Education Program in Education (HOPE). The 9/11 tuition waivers approved by BOR October 2001 and effective for a two year period were for 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 September 11 tragedy. The two year period has elapsed. HOPE tuition waivers and/or scholarships for financially needy students from underrepresented ethnic groups will be considered as part of the University's review of the tuition waiver and scholarship programs next year.

In AY 2003-2004, an additional \$24.8M of tuition was waived for non-residents in the following categories: East-West Center grantees, faculty/staff, institutional agreements, military, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Asian study, student exchange, and the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE).

The University is currently reviewing existing policies and procedures that relate to the Tuition Assistance Program and tuition rates. 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 Price Waterhouse Coopers; Act 161 (1995); Act 237 (1996); HAR 20-6 (1998); and applicable federal regulations which affect the UH Tuition Assistance Program.



**DOLLAR VALUE OF TUITION WAIVERS  
2003-2004**

	MAN	HIL	WOA	HAW	HON	KAP	KAU	LEE	MAU	WIN	Total
GENERAL											
Needy Hawaiians *	459,562	33,763	5,280	5,265	19,598	31,005	2,385	55,545	14,265	9,290	635,957
Other Needy	2,668,580	330,371	93,588	79,305	208,082	312,500	79,308	179,616	152,699	109,416	4,213,464
9-11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MERIT	1,923,430	262,344	9,504	9,225	59,855	42,323	12,225	42,615	-	7,110	2,368,631
REG/PRES	287,592	15,444	2,112	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	305,148
ATHLETIC	2,043,859	212,697	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,256,556
BAND	554,061	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	554,061
INST AGREEMENTS	293,568	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	293,568
PACIFIC ASIAN	1,272,896	134,530	9,360	-	6,345	57,713	17,642	29,565	-	24,305	1,552,355
OTHER											
Employee	585,406	17,954	5,757	7,142	7,463	12,263	2,590	6,865	5,324	1,013	651,776
Employee Spouse	90,895	9,698	1,560	1,838	1,473	6,370	808	552	280	765	114,239
Employee Domestic Partner	862	-	-	315	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,177
Grad Assistants	5,420,023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,420,023
SUMMER SESSION	50,080	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,080
EXTENSION	1,035	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,035
UG NURSING CLINICAL	38,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,690,348</b>	<b>1,016,801</b>	<b>127,161</b>	<b>103,090</b>	<b>302,815</b>	<b>462,173</b>	<b>114,957</b>	<b>314,757</b>	<b>172,568</b>	<b>151,899</b>	<b>18,456,568</b>

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**NUMBER OF TUITION  
WAIVER RECIPIENTS  
2003-2004**

	MAN	HIL	WOA	HAW	HON	KAP	KAU	LEE	MAU	WIN	Total
GENERAL											
Needy Hawaiians*	145	22	3	12	19	32	5	92	12	13	355
Other Needy	1,176	235	77	98	316	535	81	290	190	131	3,129
9-11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MERIT	705	116	6	12	66	77	14	60	-	7	1,063
REG/PRES	93	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
ATHLETIC	366	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	406
BAND	262	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	262
INST AGREEMENTS	96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96
PACIFIC ASIAN	311	75	2	-	8	67	22	33	-	18	536
OTHER											
Employee	539	27	6	23	26	36	15	19	20	4	715
Employee Spouse	69	13	1	5	4	14	3	3	2	2	116
Employee Domestic Partner	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Grad Assistants	1,485	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,485
SUMMER SESSION	102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102
EXTENSION	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
UG NURSING CLINICAL	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,408</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>8,426</b>

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Source:

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KapCC and MauCC Need TW data altered per FAO from that campus