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THE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND ASSISTANCE SPECIAL FUND 2009-10

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Act 138 of the 2004 Session Laws of Hawai‘i (SLH) established the Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund to provide financial assistance to qualified students enrolled at any campus of the University of Hawai‘i. Revenues deposited into this fund shall include state, federal and private funds, and funds transferred by the University from the tuition and fees special fund pursuant to section 304A-2153, as well as state funds for scholarship programs.

The University has transferred the appropriated funds for the State of Hawai‘i B Plus Scholarship program into the Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund. For the 2009-10 academic year, the University awarded $2,995,116 to Hawai‘i public high school graduates who met the criteria for the scholarship. For the 2010-11 academic year as of December 1, 2010, we are on target to award and disburse all appropriated funds for the State of Hawai‘i B Plus Scholarship.

There were no funds appropriated for the Hawai‘i state scholars program or workforce development scholarship program.
Act 161 (1995) and Act 237 (1996) provided authority to the Board to grant, modify and suspend previous legislatively mandated tuition waivers as well as to establish new ones.

Per earlier annual reports on tuition waivers submitted to the Hawaiʻi State Legislature, the structure of the tuition waiver program changed significantly in FY08. The majority of financial assistance awarded to students in now given as grants and scholarships.

With this structure in mind, in 2009-10, $16,087,089 in tuition waivers was awarded. A total of 2,683 students systemwide received full or partial waivers of tuition charges in the following categories: Native Hawaiians, employee/employee domestic partners/employee spouses, and graduate assistants.

In 2009-10, an additional $35,850,529 in non-resident tuition differentials was waived for 6,395 non-residents in categories such as the following, due to historical or reciprocal agreements: East-West Center grantees, faculty/staff, institutional agreements with the Pacific Islands, military (for active duty personnel and their dependents), Hawaiʻi National Guard and Reserves, Native Hawaiians, student exchange, and Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE). Tuition revenues collected from these students was $31,076,613.