



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

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Annual Report on

TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM 2002-2003

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, which was delayed as the University converted to a new student information system, is for the 2002-2003 year at all campuses of the University of Hawaii.

The current tuition waiver program is consistent with amendments to University of Hawaii 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 Hawaii residents; to attract and retain academically superior Hawaii 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 agreements 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 6-43.2, graduate assistants are exempt from full or partial tuition charges based on their FTE appointment level.

- 4) **Other.** Limited numbers of tuition waivers are available for: a) Regents and Presidential Scholars; b) intercollegiate athletes; c) band members; and 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 September 11th tragedy. The 9-11 tuition waivers were in effect for the spring and fall 2003 semesters.

In 2002-2003, \$17,474,588 in tuition assistance was provided. (see Table on Dollar Value of Tuition Waiver). A total of 7,257 students systemwide received full or partial waivers of tuition charges (see Table on Number of Recipients). Tuition waivers are heavily and appropriately utilized at all University of Hawai'i campuses.

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 Price Waterhouse Coopers; Act 161 (1995); Act 237 (1996); HAR 20-6 (1998); and applicable federal regulations.

DOLLAR VALUE OF TUITION WAIVER

	UHM	UHH	UH-WO	HAW	HON	KAP	KAU	LEE	MAU	WIN	Total
GENERAL											
Needy Hawaiians	\$ 439,838	\$ 34,362	\$ 6,375	\$ 4,644	\$ 15,489	\$ 21,930	\$ 4,868	\$ 13,179	\$ 12,806	\$ 6,691	\$ 560,181
Other Needy	\$ 2,981,786	\$ 371,486	\$ 100,971	\$ 65,189	\$ 182,022	\$ 192,042	\$ 65,467	\$ 177,147	\$ 161,731	\$ 128,828	\$ 4,426,669
9-11	\$ 17,154	\$ 3,132				\$ 903	\$ 387		\$ 688	\$ 1,763	\$ 24,027
MERIT	\$ 1,602,738	\$ 214,683	\$ 7,140	\$ 15,024	\$ 69,464	\$ 76,471	\$ 14,800	\$ 48,659	\$ 1,161	\$ 8,213	\$ 2,058,353
REG/PRES	\$ 281,400	\$ 10,920	\$ 2,040								\$ 294,360
ATHLETIC	\$ 1,917,561	\$ 216,525									\$ 2,134,086
BAND	\$ 539,274										\$ 539,274
INST AGREEMENTS	\$ 232,449	\$ 42,188									\$ 274,637
PACIFIC ASIAN	\$ 1,289,017	\$ 148,536	\$ 9,792	\$ 5,808	\$ 22,181	\$ 67,794	\$ 17,893	\$ 37,926	\$ 4,558	\$ 16,191	\$ 1,619,697
OTHER											
Employee	\$ 478,469	\$ 13,107	\$ 4,590	\$ 5,475	\$ 4,471	\$ 7,585	\$ 774	\$ 5,652	\$ 8,092	\$ 898	\$ 529,113
Grad Assistants	\$ 4,979,701										\$ 4,979,701
SUMMER SESSION	\$ 34,492										\$ 34,492
Total	\$ 14,793,878	\$ 1,054,939	\$ 130,908	\$ 96,140	\$ 293,627	\$ 366,725	\$ 104,189	\$ 282,562	\$ 189,036	\$ 162,583	\$ 17,474,588

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS

	UHM	UHH	UH-WO	HAW	HON	KAP	KAU	LEE	MAU	WIN	Total
GENERAL											
Needy Hawaiians	115	21	4	11	21	34	5	18	12	8	249
Other Needy	1237	199	71	88	259	298	87	336	207	154	2936
9-11	12	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	4	24
MERIT	419	103	6	19	84	125	18	80	2	9	865
REG/PRES	89	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
ATHLETIC	379	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	425
BAND	248	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	248
INST AGREEMENTS	54	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81
PACIFIC ASIAN	297	42	7	2	21	80	18	43	4	17	531
OTHER											
Employee	404	25	6	23	16	26	9	22	28	6	565
Grad Assistants	1182	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1182
SUMMER SESSION	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
Total	4492	471	95	143	401	565	138	499	255	198	7257

Source:

UHM data from UHM FAS

UHH data from UHH FAS

UHWO data from UHWO FAS

CC data from Banner SIS a/o 5/10/04

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