



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

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Annual Report on

TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM 2005-06

and

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND ASSISTANCE SPECIAL FUND 2005-06

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REPORT ON TUITION WAIVERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

The tuition waiver program of 2005-06 is consistent with the amendments to University of Hawaii administrative rules on tuition waivers approved by the Board of Regents 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 previously 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 resident; 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 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 faculty (Unit 7) collective bargaining agreement extended eligibility for tuition waivers to faculty spouse or domestic partner. Faculty spouses or domestic partners are exempt from tuition and fees for not more than six credits per regular semester.
- c) **Graduate Assistant.** 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 to other institutions through agreements.

No tuition waivers were awarded under the Hawaii Opportunity Program in Education.

In 2005-06, \$20,063,642 in tuition assistance was provided. A total of 8,679 students systemwide received full or partial waivers of tuition charges. Tuition waivers are heavily utilized at all University of Hawaii campuses.

In 2005-06, an additional \$27,442,441 in non-resident tuition differentials was waived for non-residents in the following categories: East-West Center grantees, faculty/staff, institutional agreements with the Pacific Islands, military, Native Hawaiian, Pacific/Asian study, student exchange, and Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE). Tuition revenues collected from these students was \$19,701,790.

In June 2006, the UH Board of Regents approved a new Financial Assistance Program that eliminates the majority of the tuition waiver program in order to convert waivers to scholarships. The scholarships, funded by tuition revenues, would be made available to students (undergraduate, graduate, part-time, full-time, resident, and non-resident) who have financial need as well as some who meet merit, service, and other criteria as determined by campuses. This new program is documented in the Board of Regents policy, Chapter 6, and in UH Executive Policy, E6.204.

2005-06

REPORT ON THE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND ASSISTANCE SPECIAL FUND

Act 138 of the 2004 Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) established the Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund to provide financial assistance to qualified students enrolled at any campus of the University of Hawaii. 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 304-16.5.

Act 178, Section 57 of the 2005 SLH Relating to the State Budget provided that, of the general fund appropriation for the University of Hawaii System (UOH 900), \$500,000 for FY 06 and \$1,000,000 for FY 07 are designated to fund the State of Hawaii B Plus Scholarship program for qualified Hawaii resident students who enroll at any UH campus.

The University has transferred the appropriated funds for the State of Hawaii B Plus Scholarship program into the Student Scholarship and Assistant Special Fund to be awarded for the 2006-07 school year. To date, we have awarded \$481,942 of the designated \$500,000 in financial assistance for the Fall 2006 and Spring 2007 semesters. By January 1, 2007, we fully expect to be able to award the balance of the \$18,058 to eligible UH students for the Spring 2007 semester.

Act 257 of the 2006 SLH established two additional state scholarships – the Workforce Development Scholarship and the Hawaii State Scholarship Program. The Act also specifies that state funds for scholarship programs shall be placed in a separate account in the Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund. This same Act also provided that \$500,000 of special funds be designated for the Workforce Development Scholarship. Furthermore, Act 160 of the 2006 SLH provided that, of the special fund appropriation for the University of Hawaii System (UOH 900), \$2,000,000 for FY 07 be designated for the State of Hawaii B Plus Scholarship Program and \$500,000 for FY 07 be designated for the newly established Hawaii State Scholarship Program.

As noted earlier in this report, in June 2006, the University of Hawaii Board of Regents approved a Financial Assistance Program that converts most of the tuition waiver program into a comprehensive, systemwide aid program. This program uses tuition revenues to provide financial assistance in the form of Opportunity Grants (need-based assistance), Achievement Scholarships (merit, service, and other non-need-based assistance), International Student Scholarships, and Pacific Islander Scholarships. For the 2006-07 school year, the University has awarded more than \$16 million in need-based and non-need-based financial aid. The new program will quadruple need-based financial assistance to Hawaii residents by FY 2013.

Due to the comprehensive and widespread nature of this new Financial Assistance Program that is being implemented by all ten campuses of the University of Hawaii system, the University believes that we have met the intent of the State Legislature's request to use special/tuition funds to provide financial assistance to students. These funds, however, do not need to go into the Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund to meet the objectives of the state scholarship programs. The University of Hawaii would welcome additional general funds provided by the Legislature for the State of Hawaii B Plus, Workforce Development, and Hawaii State Scholarships.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
TUITION WAIVER UTILIZATION
FY 2005-2006

DOLLAR VALUE OF TUITION WAIVER

	MAN	HIL	WOA	HAW	HON	KAP	KAU	LEE	MAU	WIN	Total
GENERAL											
Native Hawaiian Fin Aid	377,181	29,543	5,922	3,528	12,103	36,456	2,107	40,860	12,422	9,653	529,775
Other Fin Aid	2,645,461	576,169	101,050	59,447	164,797	355,517	49,276	200,841	105,011	79,033	4,336,601
Katrina	7,152	3,708	-	-	-	-	637	-	-	-	11,497
MERIT	1,919,954	342,579	8,742	12,569	33,982	36,285	16,979	18,988	147	8,085	2,398,309
REG/PRES	303,534	13,596	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	317,130
ATHLETIC	2,226,632	247,272	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,473,904
BAND	499,070	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	499,070
INST AGREEMENTS	186,578	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	186,578
PACIFIC ASIAN	1,458,453	141,090	9,024	-	1,470	92,316	15,092	21,413	1,862	13,794	1,754,513
OTHER											
Employee	757,458	35,091	14,502	6,512	7,783	14,900	2,501	4,488	10,794	1,323	855,350
Employee Spouse	181,021	18,217	2,920	2,189	988	12,334	492	2,264	503	1,131	222,057
Employee Domestic Partner	20,729	717	-	712	-	735	-	-	-	-	22,893
Grad Assistants	6,379,596	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,379,596
SUMMER SESSION	53,994	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53,994
EXTENSION	876	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	876
UG NURSING CLINICAL	21,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,500
Total	17,039,188	1,407,981	142,160	84,956	221,122	548,542	87,084	288,852	130,739	113,019	20,063,642

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS

	MAN	HIL	WOA	HAW	HON	KAP	KAU	LEE	MAU	WIN	Total
GENERAL											
*Native Hawaiian Fin Aid	137	16	6	6	13	62	3	56	13	10	322
Other Fin Aid	1,039	402	63	67	248	504	71	322	116	107	2,939
Katrina	5	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	8
MERIT	942	146	8	14	33	60	19	28	1	8	1,259
REG/PRES	88	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	94
ATHLETIC	364	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	439
BAND	270	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	270
INST AGREEMENTS	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46
PACIFIC ASIAN	396	65	4	-	1	109	17	24	2	15	633
OTHER											
Employee	567	42	17	21	21	44	15	14	22	6	769
Employee Spouse	100	16	4	8	5	26	2	7	3	3	174
Employee Domestic Partner	9	1	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	14
Grad Assistants	1,584	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,584
SUMMER SESSION	94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	94
EXTENSION	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
UG NURSING CLINICAL	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Total	5,675	771	102	117	321	808	128	451	157	149	8,679

*Native Hawaiians are eligible and receive assistance in all tuition waiver categories.

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