

HAWAI'I PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

About 1,000 students from the University of Hawai'i's seven community colleges were awarded Hawai'i Promise scholarships for the Fall 2017 semester. With the average scholarship being \$1,416 per student, roughly \$1.4 million of the \$1,829,000 appropriated by the 2017 Legislature was awarded. The Hawai'i Promise Scholarship provides aid for any financial needs not met by other forms of financial aid, such as federal grants and benefits and scholarships from UH or other sources. Its goal is to provide free in-state tuition for qualified UH Community College students and covers tuition, fees, books, supplies and transportation. The figures above will change as UH has been encouraging students to apply for spring semester. Additional new awards are being made for Spring 2018.

FALL
2017

Community College Campus	# Students Awarded the Hawai'i Promise
Hawai'i	85
Honolulu	70
Kapi'olani	119
Kaua'i	110
Leeward	386
Maui	230
Windward	71
UHCC Total	1071

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AVG SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDED
PER STUDENT

\$1,416

HOW HAWAI'I PROMISE WORKS

There are a number of steps for students to qualify for a Hawai'i Promise Scholarship. First, a student must apply for federal financial aid by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The federal government calculates the Expected Family Contribution, or what the student's family can afford to pay. Twenty-five per cent of the expected family contribution is applied to direct costs of attending college--tuition, fees, books, supplies and local transportation. The balance of the family contribution is applied to room, board and personal expenses. If eligible, a student may then be awarded Pell grant and Supplemental Education Opportunity grant money. A student may also be awarded various UH and UH Foundation scholarships and/or scholarships from other sources. If all these grants and award reviews are completed and the student still has unmet need for direct costs, such as tuition, fees and books, the student receives a Hawai'i Promise Scholarship to cover any unmet direct costs.