University of Hawai‘i at Hilo
College of Arts & Sciences
PACIFIC-ASIAN TUITION WAIVER
Information and Guidelines

PURPOSE

The Pacific-Asian Tuition Waiver Program is intended to support the University of Hawai‘i’s recognized mission to provide relevant education and training to persons who will assume positions of leadership, responsibility and service in the Pacific and Asian Region. This support is in the form of tuition waivers to students who have demonstrated superior scholastic performance and whose presence at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo serve to advance the university’s mission as a bridge between East and West.

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

1. Applicant must be enrolled or accepted as a classified student into a UH Hilo degree or certificate program. Priority is given to students pursuing their first baccalaureate degree.

2. Applicant must have completed a minimum of 24 graded credits at UH Hilo at the time of application. Course credits for which students elect the CR/NC option do not count in the total number of credits.

3. Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) at UH Hilo. (Transfer courses are not included in your GPA calculation.)

4. Applicant’s planned course of study must be of importance to the Pacific-Asia Region.
   a. Foreign students who are legal residents of targeted Pacific-Asia jurisdictions and are pursuing any certificate or degree program will be eligible to apply on the assumption that any training they receive at UH Hilo will enhance their potential for leadership, responsibility, and service at their Pacific-Asian home.
   b. All other students may be considered upon review of the justification of how their planned course of study will benefit the Pacific-Asia Region.

FACTORs TO BE CONSIDERED IN REVIEW OF APPLICATION

• Academic achievement
• Significance of course of study to the Pacific-Asia Region (see 4a. and 4b. above)
• Personal statement
• Letter of recommendation preferably from a faculty person.

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LENGTH AND AMOUNT OF AWARD

The award will consist of a waiver of the full-time resident tuition for the regular semester and shall not be applicable to any additional tuition charges or to any other activity or instructional fee. For out-of-state students, the value of the tuition waiver is that of the resident tuition fee.

In the case of students receiving other forms of financial aid, the total value of this award and all other financial aid may not exceed the student's computed financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office.

A Pacific-Asian tuition waiver shall be granted for a period of one academic year (Fall and Spring semesters). Those eligible students who applied for, but did not receive, an award in the Fall will be considered for Spring awards if any become available. Students who are then awarded a waiver for the Spring semester will be notified by the CAS Dean's Office at the beginning of the Spring semester.

Continuation of the tuition waiver within the awarded academic year is contingent upon completion of at least 12 graded credit hours each semester with a minimum cumulative and current semester GPA of 3.0. Course credits for which students elect the CR/NC option do not count in the total number of credits (unless a course is required for the major and offered only on a CR/NC basis). A 3.0 semester and cumulative GPA must be maintained between the award date and the semester to which the award is applied.

The tuition waiver may be awarded for a maximum of four (4) years or eight (8) semesters. However, students must reapply for the tuition waiver each academic year.
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Directions: Print or type your application. Submit application and supporting documents to:
UH-Hilo CAS Dean's Office, 200 W. Kawai Street, Hilo, HI 96720-4091

Deadline: Wednesday, March 16, 2005; 4:00 p.m.

Name

Student I.D. No. __________________ Telephone number __________________

Current mailing address __________________
Street or P.O. Box Apt. No.

City __________________ State Zip Code __________________

E-mail Address: __________________

Major __________________ Number of UH Hilo credits completed __________________

CUMULATIVE GPA ________ Expected semester of graduation __________________

I am a legal resident of the following country: __________________

Submit with your application:

1. Personal statement: See reverse side of this application.

2. A summary of honors, awards, and scholarships received: See reverse side of this application.

3. Letter of Recommendation: Arrange for the submission of one recommendation by an individual who can evaluate your strengths and weaknesses. A faculty person is probably best qualified to assess your academic performance and promise to use the attached recommendation form.

I certify that the information provided above is true and, to the best of my knowledge, complete. I also give permission to the Pacific-Asian Tuition Waiver Committee to review any educational records, including transcripts, I may have on file with the Office of Student Services.

Applicant's Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

1. Personal Statement

Type a brief essay (in the space provided below) explaining how you fulfill the criteria for a Pacific-Asian tuition waiver award. Your statement should include how your field of study is important to the Pacific-Asian region, and/or experiences or skills that demonstrate your leadership skills, your ability to handle responsibility, and/or your service orientation in relationship to the Pacific-Asian region.

2. Summary of Honors, Awards and Scholarships received.
RECOMMENDATION FORM

To the Applicant: Print your name, student ID number and sign to waive/not waive access to this letter of recommendation. Refer this form to a faculty member who can evaluate your strengths and weaknesses.

Applicant’s Name
Student ID No.

Please check and sign in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1994. I hereby ☐ waive ☐ do not waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation.

Signature of Applicant Date

To the Reference: Use an additional page if necessary. The recommendation is an important part of the student application. Please respond candidly to the items below, sign and return your recommendation to either the applicant or to the address listed below. The questions may be addressed on an attached statement.

1. How well and in what capacity do you know the applicant?
2. Is there evidence of the student’s academic accomplishments or potential that is not directly reflected in the GPA?
3. What are the applicant’s previous and current activities that demonstrate leadership potential?
4. In what way do you expect the applicant to provide leadership or service to the Pacific-Asian region? What are the special skills or talents of the applicant that will benefit the Pacific-Asian region?

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Date: __________________________________ Signature __________________________________

Print Name and Title _____________________________________________________________
Print Address _________________________________________________________________

This form can either accompany the application or be returned to: Pacific-Asian Tuition Waiver Committee, UH-Hilo, CAS Dean’s Office, UCB 304, 200 W. Kawili Street, Hilo, HI 96720-4091