

Hilo Orchid Society
Yasuji Takasaki Memorial Scholarship
Information for 2019-2020

The Hilo Orchid Society strives to extend the knowledge, production, and appreciation of orchids. This goal is evident in HOS support of students in Agriculture and Natural Science major programs at University of Hawai'i at Hilo who hold academic goals that will promote and foster future development of the Hawai'i orchid industry. This scholarship was established to honor Yasuji Takasaki, a pioneer in orchid culture on Hawai'i Island, who strongly believed in the power of a college education and made many valuable contributions to the Hilo Orchid Society.

Scholarships will be awarded to one or more University of Hawai'i at Hilo sophomore, junior, or senior students pursuing a bachelor's degree in the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource Management or in a Natural Science major. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated an interest in orchid culture or a related field. Recipients will be awarded a scholarship (grant) of \$1500 for each semester of the academic year, provided they maintain their eligibility. Recipients will also receive a free membership in Hilo Orchid Society for one year.

Eligibility - Applicant must:

- 1) Be a UH-Hilo undergraduate with a minimum sophomore standing at start of fall semester 2019.
- 2) Be pursuing a bachelor's degree in the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource Management or in a Natural Science major.
- 3) Have at least a minimum GPA of 2.8
- 4) Demonstrate financial need, but not necessarily as determined by federal guidelines.
- 5) Preference will be given to applicants who intend to live or work in Hawai'i and make specific or general contribution to the Hawai'i orchid industry.

Further Expectations: Recipients will be invited to attend one Hilo Orchid Society meeting during fall semester 2019 to be recognized by the society. Recipients should be prepared to briefly present themselves, their background, and any major and post-graduation plans.

Applicants will submit a completed Takasaki Memorial Scholarship application packet that includes a personal statement, a current University of Hawaii transcript, and additional information.

More information is available at <http://www.hiloorchidsociety.org/scholarships.html>

The completed application packet must be postmarked by **April 17, 2019.**

mail to: Scholarship Committee
c/o Hilo Orchid Society
P.O. Box 4294
Hilo, HI 96720

Please email any questions to Rochelle Nowaki <RNOWAKI@hawaii.edu>.

**Hilo Orchid Society
Yasuji Takasaki Memorial Scholarship
Application for 2019-2020**

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone(s): _____

Please provide the following items in your application packet (attach additional pages):

List any financial aid awards or scholarships you expect to receive in the 2019-2020 academic year.

Describe your volunteer and community service work including any activities and services that demonstrate your motivation to contribute or give back to the Hawai'i community. (Maximum 600 words)

Personal statement including, if applicable:

- educational and career goals, especially as they may relate to orchid culture and production
- how your course of study and post-graduate plans will benefit the orchid and agriculture industry in the State of Hawai'i
- your personal background including any employment experience, accomplishments, honors or awards, special situations or other relevant highlights
- any barriers to obtaining your educational goals, including any personal or financial challenges, and your plan to overcome them. (Maximum 900 words)

Provide a current University of Hawaii transcript (unofficial transcript printed from MyUH is suitable).

Statement of applicant: I certify that the information I have submitted in this application is a true statement of the facts.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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