The Scholars with Disabilities Achievement Grant recognizes a student with a documented disability who has demonstrated superior scholastic performance and who plans to enroll at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo for the Spring 2018 academic semester.

Eligibility
Students meeting all of the following qualifications may apply.
1. Currently enrolled classified student, or accepted as a classified student into a University of Hawaii at Hilo degree program. Student may be enrolled either full- or half-time.
2. Academic merit as demonstrated by a grade point average of at least 3.0 in high school, college, or university setting.
3. Student is determined to be a “qualified student with a disability” as determined under the Americans with Disabilities Act standards-guidelines provided. (An IEP and or 504 plan is not sufficient.)
4. Student has not been a prior recipient of the Scholars with Disabilities Achievement Grant.
5. Student is not receiving full scholarship for UH Hilo tuition from any source, and/or is a current recipient of another UH Hilo Scholarship for the award semester.

Applications Requirements
2. A Personal Statement – guidelines provided
3. Letter of Recommendation – form provided and that the Recommender sends directly to Disability Services.
4. Documentation substantiating disability as determined by the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Documentation submitted will be considered highly confidential, and will not be returned to applicant. If the applicant has disability documentation on file with the UH Hilo Disability Services office, not further documentation is needed for this Achievement Grant application.

Condition of Award
One or more awards will be made every academic semester, and all applicants will need to competitively apply each semester for the Achievement Grant. Achievement Grant will apply to one academic semester only, and will be applied towards the tuition fee in the amount of the designated award which is not to exceed $1000.00, in sum total. Students may be asked to show progress throughout the semester. Award letter to be mailed out by December 30, 2017.

Applications and all supporting documents should be submitted to Scholars with Disabilities Achievement Grant, c/o Disability Services, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, 200 W. Kawili Street, Hilo, HI 96720, Email uds@hawaii.edu, Fax (808) 932-7768. Deadline for all documentation must be postmarked by the due date, or received by the due date.
University of Hawaii at Hilo
Scholars with Disabilities Achievement Grant Application

Application Deadline: **December 15, 2017**

Please type or print:

Name:________________________________________________________________________

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Last       First       Middle

Mailing Address:_______________________________________________________________

Number  Street      City             Zip Code

Home or Mobile
Phone:_______________________________________________________________________

Permanent Address:__________________________________________________________

Number  Street     City                   Zip Code

Date of Birth:____/____/____    Gender (optional):  _______________

Marital Status:  Single_____ Married_____ Divorced_____ Widowed____

Education

High School Attended and Year
Graduated:____________________________________________________________________

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University/College
Level:  Fresh_____ Soph_____ Junior_____ Senior_____ Grad_____ Certificate_____

Major:________________________________________________________________________

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Current GPA:________   Cumulative GPA:_______

List all colleges attended other than UHH

Institution              From/To     Degree    Major

Name of person submitting the letter of recommendation: _______________________________________

I attest that all the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree

   to provide supporting documents and further verification upon request and authorize the Scholars with

   Disabilities Achievement Grant Committee access to my educational records.

Signature___________________________________________   Date________________ _____________
Recommendation Form

To the applicant: Print your name, UH Hilo Student ID Number and sign to waive/not waive access to this letter of recommendation. Refer this form to a faculty member, instructor, or teacher who can evaluate your academic strengths and weaknesses.

Applicant’s Name _______________________________________________________________

UH Hilo SID # __________________________________________________________________

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 Party: The recommendation is an important part of the student application. With this document attached to your letter of support, please respond candidly to the items below, sign and return your recommendation either to the applicant, or the address listed below. The letter of recommendation should be submitted to Scholars with Disabilities Achievement Grant, c/o Disability Services, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, 200 W. Kawili Street, Hilo, HI 96720, Email uds@hawaii.edu, Fax (808) 932-7768. The recommendation letter must be officially postmarked by the due date, or received by the Committee by the due date

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 community? What are the special skills or talents of the applicant that will benefit the community?

Deadline: December 15, 2017

____________________________________________________        Date_________________
Signature____________________________________________________

_______________________________________
Print Name and Title_________________________________________________________________________________
PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please describe your reasons for pursuing a college education, your selection of the discipline of study, and how they relate to your life and career goals. Please include any previous or current activities that demonstrate your leadership potential, and special skills or talents that will be of benefit to your community.