

KOKUA SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND APPLICATION

2026-2027 Academic Year

INSTRUCTIONS

This endowed scholarship fund was started in memory of J. Russell Duffer and his wife, Rhoda Alice Duffer, who ministered in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Texas. The Duffers emphasized the importance of education to their children. One of their sons, Bob, a longtime HPBC pastor, and his wife, June, started this fund and have continued to contribute to it. The endowment has grown even further through the generosity of other Hawaii Pacific Baptists and investments made by the Hawaii Baptist Foundation.



The **KOKUA Scholarship** provides financial assistance for the post-high school education of children of full-time ministers within the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention. To apply for the scholarship:

1. Complete application form.
2. Complete a one-page essay on the following prompt:
 - a. First time application: Why a college education is important to you
 - b. Returning applicant: How college has affected your faith
3. Have someone write and submit a letter of recommendation.
 - a. The person writing the letter should send it directly to the Hawaii Baptist Foundation by June 1, 2026.
4. Submit the completed application form and essay by June 1, 2026.

Hawaii Baptist Foundation
1801 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96826

or by email to matt@hawaiibaptistfoundation.com

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PRINT Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____
Street City State

Email address: _____

Mobile phone: (_____) _____

High school attended: _____

Date of high school graduation or completion of GED: _____

Post-secondary institution attending: _____

Will you be a full-time or part-time student? _____

If part-time, how many hours do you intend to take? _____

Intended degree/area of study: _____

Name(s) of parent(s) who is/are full-time HPBC pastor(s): _____

Name of church/institution where parent(s) serves: _____

If you are awarded a scholarship, it will be sent directly to your school. Please provide information regarding where the check should be sent:

By signing this form, I am affirming that all the information entered here is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

Write a one-page essay on this prompt:

- First-time applicants: Why a college education is important to you
- Returning applicants: How college has affected your faith

Send the completed application and essay to Hawaii Baptist Foundation, 1801 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96826 or matt@hawaiibaptistfoundation.com by June 1, 2026.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Ask someone who knows you well to write a letter of recommendation for you.

The person must send the letter directly to Matt Sanders, Hawaii Baptist Foundation, 1801 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96826 or matt@hawaiibaptistfoundation.com by June 1, 2026.

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUEST

PRINT Candidate Name: _____
First Middle Last

FOR THOSE PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS In your letter, please include how long you have known the applicant, in what capacity you have worked with, observed, or known them, and any qualities, achievements, or experiences that demonstrate the applicant's potential and character.

Please use the space below or attach a letter

Signed by: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Phone #: (_____) _____ Email Address: _____

Return this letter of recommendation to Matt Sanders at the Hawaii Baptist Foundation, 1801 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96826, or by email at matt@hawaiibaptistfoundation.com. The letter of recommendation must be received by June 1, 2026.