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SPRING 2010 SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Deadline for Completed Applications – March 12, 2010
(Awards to be announced in May 2010)

The Big Island Federal Credit Union (BIFCU) invites all of its eligible members to apply for cash scholarship awards for Spring 2010. A total of seven (7) awards (two at \$2500 each and five at \$1000 each) will be made as follows:

ELIGIBILITY – Applicant must be a member in good standing of the Big Island Federal Credit Union. We are now a community credit union therefore, persons who live, work or attend school on the island of Hawaii are eligible to join the credit union. Applicants can apply for **one division** only. A member can win an award only once. Only one award per immediate family per year.

TWO-YEAR POST-SECONDARY DIVISION: Applicants include students who will be or are attending a two-year post-secondary institution of higher learning such as a community college or junior college.

UNDERGRADUATE DIVISION: Applicants include students who will be or are attending a four-year post-secondary institution of higher learning.

GRADUATE DIVISION: Applicants must earn or must have earned a baccalaureate degree on or before June 2010 and are pursuing or will pursue an advanced degree.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

Applications shall be reviewed and scored by the Scholarship Committee based on the following criteria.

It shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant to secure and submit all of the required information and/or supporting materials. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- A. Academic Excellence: Include your most recent official high school or post-secondary transcript and class rank.
- B. Scholarly Activities: To demonstrate your involvement in such activities, select and list the details of your participation in at least one and no more than three academic programs, such as...publications, science fairs, etc. Include the name of each program, the dates of your participation, any awards you received, and a narrative about the reason you selected the program to list in this application.
- C. Statement of Academic and Career Goals: Use one typed page to describe your goals clearly and to relate them to your current academic pursuits. Tell us why you need this scholarship award.

Include some discussion of any factors (such as family standing, responsibilities) that impact on the pursuit of your academic goals.

- D. Service and Extra-Curricular Activities: To represent your service and extra-curricular activities, select and list the details of your work and/or achievements in at least one and no more than three activities in which you provide service to your school and community, in athletic programs, in volunteer work, etc. Include the name of each organization or program, the dates of your participation, the offices you held, any awards you received, and a narrative about the reason you selected the program to list in this application. You may also include here any paid work experience in or out of school.
- E. Recommendations: Submit two recommendations from teachers, counselors, professors, or employers who are familiar with your record. (***Be sure to use the attached recommendation form***)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Obtain application packet from the Hilo, Puna or Kona office of the Big Island Federal Credit Union.
2. Complete application form.
3. Send with application a recent photo of yourself.
4. Obtain official transcript.
5. List and describe scholarly activities.
6. Write personal statement of goals
7. List and describe service and extra-curricular activities and any paid work experience.
8. Give recommendation forms and envelopes to your references. Arrange to pick up completed forms to submit with your application form. Include names and telephone numbers of references on application form.
9. Submit in person or mail completed application, transcript, list of scholarly activities, statement of goals, list of service activities, and sealed recommendations to:

Scholarship Committee
Big Island Federal Credit Union
66 Lono Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

DEADLINE – All materials must be received by March 12, 2010

It is to your advantage to complete and turn in your application before the deadline. Applications will be reviewed for completeness, and you will be notified if any part of your application is missing. If your application is not complete on the deadline, it will not be considered.



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Full Name _____

BIFCU Membership Number _____

Address _____

Telephone Number (include area code) _____

Check the one award division for which you are applying.

_____ 2-Year Post-Secondary _____ Undergraduate _____ Graduate

Educational Record – List all education completed, starting with your most current studies.

School Name Dates Attended Diploma/Date

Institution you plan to enroll in during the coming semester:

Name of Institution _____

City and State _____

According to the Criteria for Selection described on the Spring 2010 Scholarship Announcement, submit the following materials with your completed application to:

Scholarship Committee
Big Island Federal Credit Union
66 Lono Street
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CHECKLIST:

- _____ Official Transcript
- _____ List of Scholarly Activities
- _____ Statement of Academic and Career Goals
- _____ List of Service Activities
- _____ Two Recommendations
- _____ Recent Photo of Yourself

Recommendation prepared by the following two people:

Name _____ Day Telephone _____

Name _____ Day Telephone _____

Applicant's Statement: I am a member in good standing of the Big Island Federal Credit Union or an affiliated student credit union, and the information provided in this application is true. Further, I hereby give my permission to the Scholarship Committee to verify any information I have provided as part of this application.

Signature _____ Date _____

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of Applicant _____

To the applicant: Print your name in the space above, and then pass this form and addressed envelope on to a classroom teacher, counselor, school activity advisor, professor, coach, employer, or other person familiar with your record. Make an appointment to pick up the completed form to include with your application.

To the reference person: The Big Island Federal Credit Union's Scholarship Committee will be grateful if you would complete this form in connection with the scholarship application of the above student. The information which you give us on this form will assist us in considering the candidate's application.

How long have you known this student? _____ When? _____

Please describe the activity that you worked on with this student and your role in that program.

Please place check marks at the point which represent your evaluation of the student relative to others with whom you are familiar. If you have no fair basis for judgement, do not hesitate to say so.

	No Basis for judgement	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent (top 10% but not 2% or 3%)	Outstanding (top 2% or 3%)
Academic ability						
Academic motivation						
Energy and initiative						
Originality						
Leadership						
Self-confidence						
Sense of humor						
Concern for others						
Reaction to criticism/setbacks						
Respect accorded by classmates						
Respect accorded by faculty						
Honesty/Integrity						
Oral expression						
Self-discipline						

not recommended without enthusiasm moderately strongly enthusiastically

I recommend this scholarship applicant. . . .

for academic excellence:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
for academic promise and potential:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
for character and personal promise:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please give us a summary appraisal of the applicant, assessing personal and academic focus, qualities and promise. Use a separate page if necessary. Is there anything special or unusual about him/her? Has he/she been truly distinguished in some way?

Signature _____ Date _____

Please print name (Mr., Miss., Mrs., Ms.) _____

Title _____

Address _____

Day Telephone _____

Please return the completed form in the envelope for the applicant to include with the applicant's completed application. Note the deadline for completed applications is March 12, 2010.

Note: Even if you choose to provide a letter of recommendation, please complete this form and send it along with your letter.

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