Big Island Federal Credit Union

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66 Lono Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
(808) 935-9778

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75-5737 Kuakini Highway, #101
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740
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SPRING 2027 SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Deadline for Completed Applications – March 31, 2027

(Awards to be announced in May 2027)

Big Island Federal Credit Union invites all its eligible members to apply for cash scholarship awards. A total of nine (9) awards (four at $2,500 each and five at $1,000 each) will be made as follows:

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be a member in good standing of the Big Island Federal Credit Union.
- A member can win an award only once.
- Only one award per immediate family per year.
- Applicant must be a Big Island FCU member prior to the deadline.
- Eligible 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.
    - Students who will be or are attending a four-year post-secondary institution of higher learning.
    - Students that have earned a baccalaureate degree on or before December 2026 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 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.

B. List of Achievements: List your top five achievements within the last four years in chronological order. These accomplishments may include honors, awards, leadership, and extracurricular school activities. Explain your participation in these activities and how each accomplishment benefited you.

C. List of Community Involvement: List any community/volunteer involvement or service within the last four years. Explain your involvement and how it benefited you.

D. Statement of Academic and Career Goals: Use one typed page to describe your goals clearly and to relate them to your current academic pursuits.

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

E. Recommendations: Submit two recommendations from teachers, counselors, professors, or employers who are familiar with your record. Please include a typed statement of the applicant's personal and academic focus, qualities, and promise.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Obtain application packet from the Hilo, Keaau, or Kona office of the Big Island Federal Credit Union.
2. Complete application form.
3. Obtain OFFICIAL transcript.
4. List and describe achievements.
5. List and explain community involvement.
6. Write personal statement of goals.
7. 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.
8. Submit in person or mail completed application, transcript, list of achievements, statement of goals, 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 31, 2027

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)_____

Email address: _____

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

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Institution you plan to enroll in during the coming semester:

Name of Institution _____
Degree you are pursuing: (i.e., AA, AS, BA, BS, MA, PhD, etc.)_____
Major Studies in:_____

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

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

CHECKLIST:

_____Official Transcript

_____List of Achievements

_____List of Community Involvement

_____Statement of Academic and Career Goals

_____Two Recommendations

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** 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.

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:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
for academic promise and potential:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
for character and personal promise:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please include a typed statement of the applicant's personal and academic focus, qualities, and promise.

Signature_____ Date_____

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

Title_____

Address_____

Day Telephone_____

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for academic promise and potential:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
for character and personal promise:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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