



2023 SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- **All applications are to be submitted to HCRA by the deadline.**
- **All awards are to be awarded by HCRA.**
 - **Member associations should create their own scholarship program with their own funding source to award scholarships at the association level.**
- **An award may not be shared or split by the recipient.**

Eligibility / Active Paddler definition: “Active paddler” means any person who:

Currently paddles or has paddled for an HCRA member club within the last five years as evidenced by a person’s paddler history in the RaceDay database or as affirmed by the association’s race secretary.

Degree sought: Trade, Certificate, Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Terminal.

Exclusions – *i.e.*, not eligible:

- 1. Continuing education units need to maintain professional licenses for doctors, nurses, pharmacists, lawyers, planners, architects, realtors, trades, etc.; or**
- 2. Conferences and seminars.**

Student classification:

- **Full-time, as defined by the school; or**
- **Part-time, any number of credit hours, but able to demonstrate continuous enrollment**

Type of learning:

- **Traditional Campus, Distance Learning, Online or Virtual College, or Combination.**

Award level eligibility is from \$500 to a maximum of \$2000¹, to be awarded annually to applicants or applicants. Previous awardees may apply again.

¹ More than \$2,000 may be awarded annually to an applicant or applicants at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee with the approval of the HCRA BOD.

How to Apply:

1. Application (via Google form/attach media file)
<https://forms.gle/eSLS52QZvMkxRvT6A>
2. Transcript or proof of acceptance to an educational institution
3. Letter of recommendation (which can be uploaded same time as your video) from either:
 - A. Coach for paddlers
 - B. Association officer or official for volunteers

If you have any questions or need assistance, please email:
hcrhistory2021@gmail.com

This year's topic:

Outrigger Canoe Paddling faced a huge racing setback in the initial years of the global pandemic, which altered our lives forever.

Please submit a 2-3 minute video, slides, or audio presentation (no video or pictures of the scholarship candidate since we use a blind scoring method). Explain:

Was there any aspect of the pandemic that helped the sport of outrigger canoe paddling? How did the pandemic affect your canoe club (I.E., membership, coaching, camaraderie)? What did you do about it? Taking the lessons learned from the pandemic, how can we promote or expose the sport to attract more paddlers? What can we do as a paddling community to encourage more paddling?

Deadline Dates to keep in mind:

July 14 – Deadline to submit applications

July 15-28 – Committee reviews applications

July 29 – Committee recommends awardees to HCRA BoD

August 5 – Present scholarships at the State Championship