



## **2024 SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

- **All applications are to be submitted to HCRA by July 1st, 2024.**
- All awards from HCRA will be awarded by HCRA.
  - Member associations may create their own scholarship program with their own funding source to award scholarships at the association level.
- An award will not be shared or split by a recipient.

*Eligibility / Active Paddler definition: “Active paddler” means any person who: Is a current 2024 active paddler within an HCRA member club and is valid in the HCRA Database OR has paddled for an HCRA member club within the last two years as evidenced by a person’s paddler history in the HCRA database.*

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

**Exclusions – i.e., not eligible:**

1. Continuing education units needed 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.

**Eligible applicant awards range from \$500 to a maximum of \$2000<sup>1</sup>, to be awarded to one applicant or multiple applicants during the 2024 HCRA State Championships. Previous awardees may apply again annually.**

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<sup>1</sup> More than \$2,000 may be awarded 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).  
[2024 HCRA SCHOLARSHIP GOOGLE DOC LINK](#)
2. Submit a written essay OR video answering 2024 topic questions.
3. Submit your transcript or proof of acceptance from an accredited educational institution.
4. Letter of recommendation (which can be uploaded at the same time as your video) from either:
  - A. Current or past paddling coach
  - B. Association officer or official (for volunteers)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please email:  
[hcrainhistory2021@gmail.com](mailto:hcrainhistory2021@gmail.com)

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## **2024 TOPIC: BUILDING OUR FUTURE**

Please submit an essay, a 2-3 minute video, slides, or audio presentation to answer the following: *(no video or pictures of the scholarship candidate is necessary since we use a blind scoring method)*

1. How will your career pathways benefit HCRA, the paddling community/hoe wa'a community, and the native Hawaiian community?
2. Is there a specific area within HCRA that you're interested in volunteering? Why?
3. Thinking with a "big picture" perspective, what would you like to see implemented for the paddling community in the next 10 years?

## **Deadline Dates to keep in mind:**

**July 1 – Deadline to submit applications**

**July 2-21 – Committee reviews applications**

**July 27 – Committee recommends awardees to HCRA BoD**

**August 3 – Present scholarships at HCRA State Championship**