

Scholarships

STEP 1

BEGINNING **November 15, 2019**, log onto the Scholarship Manager via the HCF website and begin your **2020–2021 Common Application**.

GATHER your required supporting materials to upload to your online application:

1. 2020–2021 Student Aid Report (SAR):

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be submitted and processed in order to obtain your 2020–21 SAR. You can now submit your FAFSA as early as October 01, 2019, using your 2018 income tax information. For more information go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov>.

2. Grade Transcript:

Obtain your most recent transcript, either from your school's registrar's office or online portal. All transcripts must comply with HCF's transcript requirements.

Hawai'i Community
Foundation has over
\$6 Million
available for scholarships
from more than **200**
funds to make the road
to college easier

STEP 2

SUBMIT your HCF application online by **Friday, January 31, 2020 at 4:00 pm**, Hawai'i Standard Time, with all supporting materials.

FAQ

VISIT www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/students for details and FAQ's regarding our application and award process.

NEED HELP? Contact HCF's Scholarship Department at scholarships@hcf-hawaii.org. Call our Scholarship Hotline locally at (808) 566-5570 or toll-free at 1-888-731-3863.



Tips & Tricks

PERSONAL EMAIL

Use a permanent and personal email address to set-up your online account

Your user account's email address is HCF's main way to communicate with you about awards, renewal opportunities, and all important notifications.

If you will not have access to your email once you leave school or work, this may cause you to miss important information that could affect your awards or renewal status.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Your transcript and Student Aid Report (SAR) must be attached to submit your Common Application.

Online or printed transcripts, as well as SAR, must comply with HCF's document policies. See HCF's Scholarship FAQ's for more details. Graduate degree-seeking students will need their undergraduate degree-transcript(s). SAR's can be requested through your FAFSA application as early as October 1st.

ACCURATE ANSWERS

Accurately answer every question — Do not guess.

Almost every answer to a question is used to match you to HCF's scholarships.

Selecting the wrong answer may disqualify you for scholarships you could be eligible for otherwise.

START EARLY

Start Early/Submit Early

Start working on your online application while you still have lots of time. That way, you'll know which important or additional documents you need to submit.

Unexpected set-backs that have caused some students to miss the deadline:

- Incomplete or missing information for a required application question
- Incomplete Student Aid Report that needs to be corrected with the U.S. Department of Education
- Waiting for your registrar's office to process your transcript request

CALL US

Questions? Call HCF — not your friends!

Don't ask your friends or parents about HCF's application or process. Your friends are not going to college for you, so refer to our FAQ's on our website or contact us directly.