

Alan Church Environmental Steward SOEST Scholarship

A. PURPOSE

To support UHM-SOEST student studying marine biology of the Hawaiian Islands with an annual award of \$800 for tuition and registration fees (including up to \$300 for students' project supplies if paid directly to the vendor and upon approval from the student's advisor).

B. USE

Contingent upon finding a student, the scholarship shall be used according to the following:

1. Criteria

- a. Recipient must be full-time, junior or senior enrolled at the University of Hawaii pursuing courses of study in SOEST related to research or monitoring of endangered or threatened marine mammals and turtles within and surrounding the Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI).

If there is no qualifying student project, an alternative project could concern coral population surrounding the MHI, Kaneohe Bay, or Coconut Island.

Students studying whales or green sea turtle populations, or coral reefs, within and surrounding the Main Hawaiian Island (MHI) shall have priority. The donor is particularly interested in the effects on the MHI aquatic creatures of climate change, ocean chemistry, marine traffic and sonar testing, aquatic invasive species, effect of human activity on habitat, protection, predation/destruction causes and effect, altered migration/foraging patterns, coral habitat/symbiosis, food availability, physiology and quality of life. Other projects studies in the MHI of these creatures are also acceptable.

- b. Recipient shall have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above.
- c. First preference will be given to students of Hawaiian ancestry; however, non-native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Californian or lastly other U.S. mainland student, if no Hawaiian student qualifies as specified.

2. Application Requirements

- a. Cover letter to include your statement of interest, brief description of your research project, and an explanation as to how the scholarship would be utilized toward your research.
- b. Unofficial transcript with current and cumulative grade point averages.
- c. One letter of recommendation.

3. Selection

Recipient will be selected by the SOEST Dean's Office.

4. Notification

The Dean's Office shall notify the donor of the selection.

Recipient upon receipt of award will notify donor of their chosen career and what inspired it by providing brief background and career narrative addressing:

- goals, aspiration and view of ultimate professional work;
- plan for college education, internship, experiences or work to help reach the goals; and
- any event or experience that lead recipients to choose this professional career direction.

5. Administration

The UH Foundation shall arrange for payment of the scholarship.

Deadline for Applications: January 31.

Please send applications to Leona Anthony at leonaa@hawaii.edu