



HATA Foundation Student Scholarship Application

DUE DATE: MARCH 15th, 2026

The Hawai`i Athletic Trainers' Association Foundation sponsors three scholarships to support students from different levels (i.e. Graduate, Undergraduate, and high school levels). Each recipient receives a \$1000 monetary award and a plaque. These scholarship awards are given to continue promoting the education and profession of athletic training and to recognize outstanding students who represent the future of the Athletic Training profession.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- All applications are due and must be received in full by 5pm on March 15th.
- Completed application and supporting documents must be submitted to the Scholarships Chair, Dr. Kaori Tamura, via email to ktamura@hawaii.edu by the deadline.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the HATA Annual Meeting. Scholarship recipients are expected to attend the meeting.
- Any questions should be addressed to Dr. Kaori Tamura (ktamura@hawaii.edu)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

High School and Undergraduate Students:

- Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher (based on a maximum of 4.0).
- Sponsorship by an Athletic Trainer who is a current member in good standing of the HATA, FWATA, and NATA.
- Verification of participation in the athletic training clinic via a sponsoring athletic trainer.
- A resident of Hawai`i or graduated from a high school in Hawai`i.
- Intent to pursue the profession of athletic training as their means of livelihood.
- NATA, FWATA, and HATA membership (recommendation, not a requirement).

Professional & Post-Professional Students:

- Enrolled in a CAATE-accredited professional athletic training program or in the related master's or doctoral program (i.e. post-professional program) within the State of Hawai'i. If you are enrolled in a program outside of the State of Hawai'i, and/or in a program not directly related to athletic training, provide justification for how this additional education helps improve your athletic training service.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (based on a maximum of 4.0)
- Current student membership in NATA, FWATA and HATA & an NPI
- Sponsorship by an athletic trainer who is a current member in good standing of the HATA, FWATA and NATA.

APPLICATION REVIEW & SELECTION CRITERIA

- Complete applications will be reviewed by the members of the Scholarship Committee and scored using a standard rubric. Scores will be compiled by the Scholarship Chair, and applicants will be ranked. The top-ranked applicants will be re-reviewed by the entire committee and if approved, will be selected as scholarship recipients.
- The recipients will be scored on the following criteria:
 - a. Academic achievement (overall/major GPA, awards/scholarships)
 - b. Clinical skill and performance (clinical experience/hours)
 - c. Professional/athletic training service (participation in program or university organizations related to AT, professional memberships, leadership positions, meeting attendance)
 - d. Community/external service (participation in university, community, or other groups not related to AT, associated leadership roles, awards)
 - e. Character (letters of recommendation)

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS

- Recipients will be notified of their award by April 30st. Recipients must either **accept or decline their award within one week of notification.**
- Recipients must submit the following items to the Scholarships Chair by the indicated deadline:
 - a. Official transcript from their current institution
 - b. A color photograph to be showcased at HATA's award ceremony (a photograph must be professional with a focus on the face and upper torso of the applicant).
 - c. Funds will only be released to recipients when enrollment in an academic program is verified (e.g. for an incoming student, this will be the following fall).

To complete the application process please be sure to include the following:

Scholarship Application Requirements and Guidelines

In order to streamline the review process, all documents must be submitted as attachments under one email from an applicant. All attachments must be submitted as individual .pdf files following this example format:

Example: Applicant name: John Smith

General Application: JSmith_GA.pdf

Resume: JSmith_Resume.pdf

Unofficial Transcript: JSmith_U-Transcript.pdf

*Recommendation Letters should be sent directly to the Scholarship Committee Chair, Dr. Kaori Tamura by the supporting individuals.

Submission Checklist

Applicants email directly to ktamura@hawaii.edu

- Completed and signed [General Application](#)
- Professional Resume
- Unofficial Transcript

Recommenders email directly to ktamura@hawaii.edu

- ONE Academic Recommendation Letter (Professor, program director, clinical education coordinator, department head, instructor of the related course, etc)
- ONE Clinical Recommendation Letter (Athletic trainer, preceptor, team physician, athletic director, or other healthcare professional who is familiar with the clinical performance of the applicant)

Applicants complete the Google Form

- Fill out the [HATA Scholarship Application Form](#)

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