



Grace Scholarship Application

Waimea United Church of Christ

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Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Church's Name: _____

Current Grade-Point Average at Waimea High School (Must be higher than 2.5)

Name of College to which the grant should be disbursed:

Purpose: The purpose of the Grace Scholarship is to provide assistance to senior students at Waimea High School, Kauai, who share in the Christian Faith and who intend to further their education at college level.

Grant Awards: The Waimea United Church of Christ currently offers one grant annually in the amount of \$1,000.

Administration: The Grace Scholarship Committee under the auspices of the Council of the Waimea United Church of Christ shall administer the grant.

Procedures:

- 1) Complete Application Form
- 2) Provide proof of GPA (transcript or school counselor's signed note)
- 3) Write a five-paragraph essay (type written) about "What your Christian Faith has meant to you during high school." (See attached example.) It is upon this essay that the decision of an award shall be primarily based, not upon church affiliation, GPA, need, or relation to members of the Waimea United Church of Christ.
- 4) Submit all documents to the Waimea United Church of Christ Office by the last day of March.
- 5) You will be contacted by mail as to whether or not you have received the grant by the last day of April.
- 6) The grant will be awarded to the college or university that you have indicated on the application. *The check will be presented to you during a scheduled worship service of the Waimea United Church of Christ. You will be required to attend that Sunday to accept the award. The essay that you will have submitted will become the property of the Waimea United Church of Christ and may be reprinted and/or excerpted.*

Applicants Signature:

_____ Date _____

(Parent's signature if not 18 yet) _____

Sample Essay:

A Work Inside My Soul

When I was a freshman at Waimea High School, one of my closest friends told me about the Friday Bible Club meetings in the science lab. I decided to attend since I already knew so many others in my circle of friends who were attending. That day, Pastor David from the Kauai Bible Church spoke to the group about what the Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 1:6, "I am confident of this that the one who started a good work in you will bring it to completion. . . ." I began to think about what work it is that God has started inside of me that I am to complete.

Of course, the work of a student is to study. Everyday I have class assignments and homework that take up a good deal of my time. Because of the stress this creates in my life, I have had to work hard at setting aside a time for the study of God's Word as well. Amazingly I have discovered that while studying God's Word, the stress in my life goes away.

Christ has also given me the work to "love my enemies." In high school this can be very rough. I have been teased because I will not smoke drugs or drink alcohol. Many students seem to want to destroy my life. In response I have tried to show the love of Christ back towards them. I tell them that I do not need drugs because I am high already on God. I feel no hatred toward them, only sorrow that they do not have that love coming to them that I know.

In John 6, Jesus himself says that the work that we have in this world is to simply have faith in the one who was sent by God. Faith is work. When I consider that someone actually died for me, that is of course Jesus Christ, I am challenged with how I should respond to that kind of sacrifice. I know that I must give back to others in His honor. I have helped the pastor of my church with visiting the local care homes for the elderly, playing my ukulele and singing traditional Hawaiian hymns. I have also helped raise food for the needy at Nana's House.

God has put a work inside of me. God will see it through to completion. I know my faith will continue to grow and become stronger as my life moves forward into its next stage of college and eventually the work world. I pray for His continued blessings.