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HGEA awards scholarships to 37 members and dependents

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, the state's largest labor union, recently awarded 37 HGEA Charles R. Kendall and Russell K. Okata Scholarships to HGEA members or dependents who are attending or plan to attend a college, university, or vocational or trade school on a full-time basis. The recipients were selected based on financial need, academic ability, personal letter and recommendations.

The following list of 2013-2014 scholarship recipients, divided by island, includes the schools that they are or will be attending:

OAHU

\$2,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- Jerissa K. F. Ching, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Brittany K. Kalahiki, Washington State University
- Alison L. Naeole, Hawaii Medical College
- Samantha T. Patanapaiboon, Marquette University
- Deana Mae P. Ramos, Seattle Pacific University
- George B. Zhang, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

\$1,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- Tiffany W. Cheung, Princeton University
- Joseph A. Choy, Santa Clara University
- RJ Keliipono M. Diaz, Creighton University

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OAHU (continued)

\$1,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- Nicole R. Edscudero, Leeward Community College
- Kaitlyn K. Hashimoto, Hawaii Pacific University
- Jerolene P. Ikeda-Bernardo, Chaminade University
- Colleen A. Licudine, University of Hawaii - West Oahu
- Reece H. Matsumoto, University of Southern California - Los Angeles
- Alec A. Nakamura, Boston University
- Scott K. Nishihara, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Chelsea S. Sasaki, California State University - Sacramento
- Tiana I. Shiroma, California Polytechnic State University
- Reece Y. Teramoto, Santa Clara University
- Kania A. A. Twyman, Kent State University
- Madison A. Vreeken, University of Washington
- Leslie G. Wong, University of Hawaii at Manoa

HAWAII

\$2,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- Luke Van der Spoel, Rice University

\$1,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- Paula K. S. Imoto, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Brooke K. Kise, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Michael E. Makekau, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Chad I. Sakoda, University of Portland

KAUAI

\$2,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- Ember R. Teter, Point Loma Nazarene University
- Reyna E. Teter, Point Loma Nazarene University

\$1,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- Telissa A. Agbulos, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Adam Matthew R. Clark, Syracuse University
- Alyssa Mary R. Clark, Creighton University
- Nicole A. Isoda, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Jacob. O. Teter, Point Loma Nazarene University

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MAUI

\$1,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- Junna B. Gazmen, University of Portland
- Leilani H. Kealoha, University of Hawaii - West Oahu
- Joveline A. Ollero, University of St. Thomas (Houston)

The scholarships are named in honor of former HGEA executive directors Charles R. Kendall and Russell K. Okata, who both worked tirelessly to improve the lives of public employees. Throughout the year, the HGEA C. R. Kendall Fundraising Committee, composed of HGEA members, holds a variety events and activities on Oahu, Maui, Kauai and the Big Island to raise funds for the Charles R. Kendall Scholarship and Education Fund.

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About HGEA

HGEA was founded in 1934 to ensure fair and equitable representation for government employees. HGEA is the largest labor union in Hawaii, with more than 42,000 members. HGEA represents state and county employees in eight bargaining units. HGEA also serves a large associate membership composed primarily of retirees, other state and county employees and officials, and federal and private sector employees.