

AWARD REPORT

Hawai'i Pizza Hut Scholarship Fund

2020–2021 SCHOLARSHIP YEAR

Angelica Raza-Furtado

University of Hawaii - Manoa

Class Standing Sophomore

Enrolled Major Medicine

High School Waianae High School

Having a scholarship for this institution will give me the stepping stone I need for financial security for college. If I plan on going to medical school I will need all the help I can get to ensure my education. I do not want to feel like a failure if anyone does not accept me because I am not up to the standards they have expected. With an award, I want to prove that they choose the right person to invest in and is more than willing to go above and beyond. I want to be able to be a role model in my community and show them that though college can be tough, we are stronger. The obstacles in our way are just there to prove if we are worthy enough to pass through.

Chelsie Sen

University of Hawaii - Manoa

Class Standing Graduate - 3rd Year

Enrolled Major Music

High School Iolani School

This scholarship will impact my future by helping me to pay for college in order to live out my dream to teach music education among the youth in Hawaii. I am currently enrolled in the Masters of Arts in Music Education at the University of Hawaii.

I hope to become a music teacher who uses music as a vehicle to empower our youth. Music is an important craft because not only does it help someone develop a skill, but learn characteristics of good citizenship. A good teacher helps personal growth happen. They learn how to work together with others, listen, and create music for a common good. I want to promote music among students who are from unfortunate backgrounds who may not have had the chance to play music. This scholarship is helping me pay for college in order to develop the right skill sets in order empower our youth.

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Hualalai Ahakuelo-Kepa

University of Hawaii - Manoa

Class Standing Senior
Enrolled Major Hawaiian Studies
High School Castle High School

First, I would like to thank the generous donators for all they do for us Hawaii students. I am very grateful and thankful for your generosity.

This award will definitely impact my future because it would allow me to further my education. The cost of living in Hawaii is so expensive and although I work part time any scholarship would really help. By furthering my education I will be able to achieve my goals of graduating from University of Hawaii Manoa and my career goal of being a Hawaiian Studies teacher in a rural area, preferably serving the Native Hawaiian community. As a teacher, I hope to make an impact on my students' lives. I believe education is important and that each student should learn about the Hawaiian culture and dance. It is important to teach and educate the new and young generations.

Nicole Ann Acasio

University of Hawaii - Manoa

Class Standing Junior
Enrolled Major Education
High School McKinley High School

Easing the worry for myself and father. In order to pursue my passion in life as a counselor, my plan is to get a bachelor's and master's degree that will cost thousands of dollars. Although both of my parents have jobs they also take care of brothers. My father has been the person to assist me to pay for school at the Community College level. His assistance is a big help and I am so thankful for everything. However next semester I will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa which will be a new journey. If I were to be awarded this scholarship I would be truly grateful and would help me to focus on my studies and plan to become a counselor.

Trystan Freitas

University of Hawaii - Manoa

Class Standing Senior
Enrolled Major Engineering - Mechanical
High School Nanakuli High School

I believe that during the age of 16-25 you are going through a lot of changes in your life and the decisions you make during these times will be the most impactful. I chose the path to pursue higher education through college. I chose this path because of the dreams and goals I want to accomplish in my future. Unfortunately I did not grow up in a financially stable house hold with both my parents. Instead, I grew up in a lower class single parent house hold. So, receiving any amount of financial aid will be very impactful for my future and it will put me one step closer to accomplishing my goals.