

BWA Scholarship Revised 2017 Effective 2018

**Mililani Hongwanji
Buddhist Women's Association
Scholarship Program**

Program Description:

The BWA Scholarship Program is a scholarship that is awarded annually to an eligible candidate. The amount of the scholarship is **\$1,500**. The scholarship is awarded by the BWA based on the review and recommendation of its scholarship committee.

Purpose of the Program:

The purpose of this program is to support men and women who seek post high school education at an accredited school in preparation for a profession or a trade and will fulfill the candidate's career goal.

Eligibility:

The candidate must be a member of the Mililani Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association or a child or grandchild of the Mililani Hongwanji BWA.

Application Schedule

January: Scholarship announcement posted in the Dharma Connection.

February: Application process begins.

March: Completed application forms due the first week of March.

Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee and interviews will be scheduled.

Selection will be made by the committee by the end of March.

May: Selection of scholarship will be approved by BWA .

Letter will be sent to the awardee and the scholarship will be awarded at the awards service.

Application Instructions

1. Completed applications must be submitted to the Mililani Hongwanji BWA Scholarship Chair, PO Box 893308, or in person at 95-257 Kaloapau Street, Mililani, HI, on or before:

March 1 of each calendar year

All parts (except transcript) must be completed and submitted together in a sealed envelope by the due date for application to be considered. FAX or electronic submissions must be followed by originals within five (5) working days.

Application forms must be typed or legibly printed.

Applicants shall be notified of their status by June 1 of each calendar year.

2. The requirements are:
Mother, Grandmother, guardian or applicant must be a registered member in good standing of the Mililani Hongwanji BWA.
 - Must be for post high school education in a degree/certificate program.
 - Academics (transcripts), extra curricular activities, Hongwanji activities, leadership and community service will be considered.
3. The application consists of four parts.
 - The candidate's Application Form (2 pages)
 - The candidate's resume limited to space provided (1 page)
 - The candidate's official school transcript (most current) should be sent directly to the scholarship committee chair.
 - An essay of no more than 1,000 words as described below.
4. In a typed essay, describe or discuss all the following elements:
 - your career goals and your immediate educational plans.
 - the role of religion in your life.
 - your views on the role of women in society, the workplace, and at home.
 - your views on citizenship responsibilities and community service.
5. An interview will be scheduled upon receipt of your application. The interview will be conducted with the members of the Scholarship Committee. The interview will provide you with the opportunity to expand on elements of your essay. In addition, it allows the committee members to learn about you and your expectations and your perspectives.

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Name of Candidate: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: Res. _____ *Cell* _____

High School Attended: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Name of Mother, Grandmother, or Member of the BWA: _____

Candidates affiliation with the following and years of involvement:

BWA _____ Dharma school _____

Jr. YBA _____ Martial Arts _____

Temple Volunteer (list activities) _____

Parents or Guardian:

Father: _____ () Living or () deceased

Address: _____

Place and status of Employment : _____

Mother: _____ () Living or () deceased

Address: _____

Place and status of Employment : _____

Candidates lives with: _____

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References: Please list 2 references whom we may contact for more information.

1. Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

How does this person know you: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

How does this person know you: _____

Applicant's Releases:

1. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, my transcripts is sent to you on the condition that: (Please mark one)

_____ You may **retain** my transcript and will honor its confidentiality, OR

_____ You may **return** my transcript after the selection committee has made its decision and that no copies are made.

2. The BWA would like to publish the scholarship recipient's essay in The Dharma Connection. An opportunity for the winner to edit the essay will be provided.

If selected, permission to publish my essay is granted.

Yes _____ No _____

3. I hereby declare that all statements on the Application Form, to the best of my knowledge and belief, are correct and complete. I am willing to be interviewed regarding this application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

