

# Scholarships

## STEP 1

**BEGINNING** **November 15, 2018**, log onto the Scholarship Manager via the HCF website and begin your **2019–2020 Common Application**.

**GATHER** your required supporting materials to upload to your online application:

**1. 2019–2020 Student Aid Report (SAR):**

Your 2019–20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be submitted and processed in order to obtain your 2019-20 SAR. You can now submit your FAFSA as early as October 01, 2018, using your 2017 income tax information. For more information go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov>.

**2. Grade Transcript:**

Obtain your most recent grade transcript from your school's registrar's office.

Hawai'i Community Foundation has over  
**\$6 Million**  
available for scholarships  
from more than **200**  
funds to make the road  
to college easier

## STEP 2

**SUBMIT** your HCF application online by **Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 4:00 pm**, Hawai'i Standard Time, with all supporting materials.

## FAQ

**VISIT** [www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/students](http://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/students) for details and our FAQ's regarding the application and award process.

NEED HELP? Contact HCF's Scholarship Department at [scholarships@hcf-hawaii.org](mailto:scholarships@hcf-hawaii.org). Call our Scholarship Hotline locally at (808) 566-5570 or toll-free at 1-888-731-3863.



# Tips & Tricks

## PERSONAL EMAIL

### Use a permanent and personal email address to set-up your online account

Your user account's email address is HCF's main way to communicate with you about awards, renewal applications, and all important notifications.

If you will not have access to your email once you leave school or job, this may cause you to miss important information that could affect your awards or renewal status.

## TRANSCRIPT MANTRA

### "If you print it, HCF won't accept it"

HCF only accepts transcripts printed by your school registrar's office. Online transcripts that you can print yourself are not considered valid.

## ACCURATE ANSWERS

### Accurately answer every question — Do not guess.

Almost every answer to a question is used to match you to HCF's scholarships.

Selecting the wrong answer may disqualify you for scholarships you could be eligible for otherwise.

## START EARLY

### Start Early/Submit Early

Start working on your online application while you still have lots of time. That way, you'll know which important or additional documents you need to submit.

Unexpected set-backs that have caused some students to miss the deadline:

- Incomplete or missing information for a required application question
- Incomplete Student Aid Report that needs to be corrected with the U.S. Department of Education
- Waiting for your registrar's office to process your transcript request

## CALL US

### Questions? Call HCF — not your friends!

Don't ask your friends or parents about HCF's application or process. Your friends are not going to college for you, so refer to our FAQ's on our website or contact us directly.