

About the Awards

Honda Scholarship for International Study

The Honda Scholarship for International Study is awarded to five University of Hawai'i Community College students who wish to study overseas and thereby internationalize their education. Students in all fields are eligible to apply. The scholarship can be used to support participation in a formal University of Hawai'i exchange program or a study abroad program sponsored by another U.S. or foreign university.

Honda Scholars Award

Students selected as Honda Scholars receive a cash award of \$3,000 to \$5,000 to support international travel and study.

Application and supporting documents must be postmarked no later than March 15.

The purpose of the Honda Scholarship for International Study is to promote international understanding through support for international travel and study. This scholarship provides support for UH Community College students with a focused and well-developed proposal, who wish to incorporate an international educational experience into their academic program.

Students are selected on the basis of academic excellence and an application.

Selection Criteria

Eligibility and Criteria:

- Community College students who are in, at least, their second semester of study at any of the UH Community College campuses (eligible campuses include Hawai'i, Honolulu, Kapi'olani, Kaua'i, Leeward, Maui, and Windward).
- Students must be degree-seeking and can be selected from any field of study.
- Only Hawai'i residents are eligible.
- Awards will be made on the basis of academic merit to students in good academic standing. It is expected that students will have a minimum GPA of 3.5.
- Consideration will be given to service to the community and other activities and experience of the applicant.
- Applicants may be enrolled part-time, but must be making progress towards a degree as evidenced by continuing enrollment and specific courses taken.
- Awards will be given for one semester, one academic year, or a minimum six (6) weeks of intensive study or six (6) credits.
- Students must not have received a Honda Scholarship in the past.

Students applying for the Honda Scholarship for International Study must submit:

Application Process

- The Honda Scholarship for International Study Application Form available from the Office of the Dean of Instruction at each campus, the Office of International Affairs, or the Office of the Chancellor for Community Colleges.
- An official transcript and two letters of recommendation sent directly to the Office of Dean Leon Richards, Executive Director for International Education (see address below).
- A 2-3 page double-spaced personal statement describing the applicant's academic and career objectives, plan of study with regard to the study abroad or exchange program, and the importance of international experience and/or understanding to the applicant's field of study.

A personal interview will also be required of selected applicants. An award ceremony will be held with the Honda family and scholarship recipients are expected to attend.

Application materials and supporting documents must be postmarked no later than March 15.

Send all application materials to:

Dean Leon Richards

Executive Director for International Education

University of Hawai'i Community Colleges

4303 Diamond Head Road, 'Ilima 206B

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96816

For more information, please contact the Office of International Affairs (OIA) at (808) 956-3101 or by e-mail at steele@hawaii.edu.

About the Scholarship

Community leader and internationalist Paul S. Honda has established a fund to provide international opportunities for University of Hawai'i Community College students and the academic communities of the seven campuses. Through his generosity Honda provides study abroad scholarships for five outstanding Community College students who show promise in and commitment to study and work in a field that contributes to international awareness and promotes cross-cultural understanding.

The man behind the scholarship

Paul S. Honda always had an affinity for international affairs. As a child growing up in Tokyo, he longed to study abroad in the land where he was born, Manchuria. Before graduation from the First Tokyo High School, the National University of Manchuria accepted Honda as its youngest exchange student in 1945.

When WWII ended, he and other Japanese students of the National University of Manchuria were ordered to attend Moscow University. Honda refused. Instead, he was forced to work long days in a labor camp. He later fled to Dalian and found work as a Russian-Chinese-Japanese interpreter for a Russian-controlled production facility. He was released in February 1947 and repatriated to Japan. He faced difficulties when he tried to return to Manchuria, so he

turned his sights on America. In 1953, he was accepted into the University of Denver's Masters of Business Administration program and completed his degree with an emphasis in international trade and marketing in 1955.

While still a student in Colorado, he started his own business. Despite being on full scholarship, Honda was short on funds. He sold seven strands of pearls that had been given him by his mother with the understanding that he could sell them should he ever need money. He used the proceeds to start Honda and Company, Inc., which eventually provided for a comfortable life in New York.

After three decades as an international trader, the Hondas took an early retirement and chose Hawai'i as their new home. Honda quickly became an active community member. A Rotarian for over 30 years, he serves as a director of several nonprofit groups including the Japan-America Society, Pacific and Asian Affairs Council, Pacific Forum CSIS, Honolulu Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Waikīkī Aquarium. In 1996, the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council honored Honda as the 1995-96 recipient of the prestigious Paul S. Bachman Award in recognition of his efforts to improve relations between the United States and the nations of the Asia-Pacific region.

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