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Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Now Accepting Applications for 2020-2021

The Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program (NHHSP), a program of Papa Ola Lōkahi (POL), is accepting applications from students in health and allied health professions for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Information may be found at www.nhhsp.org from February 1, 2020. The deadline to apply online is March 15, 2020.

Students who are enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited college in Hawai'i or the continental U.S. are encouraged to apply. Applications are being accepted for students in clinical psychology, dentistry, dental hygiene, dietetics/nutrition, nursing, medicine, physician's assistant, and social work.

"This generous scholarship has been significant in assuring academic success among our students, all of whom have planned to give back to their communities," Donna-Marie Palakiko, PhD, NHHSP operations coordinator and an alumna of the program describes the impact of the program. "And, we are growing our own health workforce."

The benefits of this merit-based scholarship include tuition, a monthly living stipend, and miscellaneous school related expenses. Upon completion of the degree and required training and licensure or certification, the recipient shall serve two to four years of full-time employment in designated medically underserved sites in Hawai'i.

Almost 300 scholarship awards have been made in almost 20 different health and behavioral health disciplines since 1991.

"We are always looking at innovative ways to assure health care is *accessible* and *affordable*. This program contributes to assuring a workforce that is *acceptable*," explains POL executive director Sheri Daniels, EdD. "And it moves the dial for improved parity for Native Hawaiians in health professions."

For more information about the Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program visit www.nhhsp.org.

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