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THE RICHARD AND ELEANOR IMAI 2019 SHIN BUDDHIST SCHOLARSHIP
Information, Procedures and Requirements
(Apologies for the late timing this year !)

The mission of this scholarship award is to (1) grant financial support to deserving Shin Buddhist youths in their pursuit of higher education and (2) concomitantly enhance their practice of and commitment to Shin Buddhist principles and teachings throughout their lifetime.

1. Scholarships of at least \$2000.00 each are awarded to help meet the cost of education at any accredited university, college or vocational/technical post-secondary school in the USA and its possessions.
2. Eligibility
 - a. Applicant must be a high school graduate of the Class of 2019, residing on the island of Hawai'i.
 - b. Applicant must be a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist whose parents or guardians are dues paying temple members or himself/herself a dues paying member of Honpa or Higashi Hongwanji.
3. Materials submission
 - a. Part A - Application Form
 - b. Part B - Temple Activities Form
 - c. Part C - An essay limited to two pages or less, typewritten or word-processed.
 - d. Part D and E- School/Community Activities and Special Honors/ Awards Received.
 - e. Signed Release Clause.
 - f. High School transcript (seven semesters).
 - g. A portrait photographs (head-shoulders photo) for publicity purposes. (Digital file if applying via email.)
4. **(Apologies for the late timing this year !)** Application period: through September 2, 2019. Application with all required signatures, forms, letters and other materials must be received on or before September 2, 2019. Applications will also be available at <http://www.HonokaaHongwanjiBuddhistTemple.org>
Mailing address: Mr. Miles Okumura, Imai Scholarship
HONOKA`A HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE
PO BOX 1667
HONOKA`A, HI 96727
Applications may be submitted by email to: imaischolarship@gmail.com. (Please follow up with a phone call to 808 640 4602 to confirm receipt by the committee.) No late forms accepted.
5. Evaluation of applications
Review and judging of all applications shall be conducted by the Scholarship Committee, and its decision shall be final.
Criteria:
 - a. Involvement in temple-related organizations and activities as described in Part B, "Temple Activities" of the application (30 points).
 - b. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Shin Buddhism as per the essay (30 points).
 - c. High school academic performance (courses taken, grades obtained, GPA, class rank) as recorded in the applicant's high school transcript (10 points).
 - d. Awards and Honors as per Parts B and E of Application (10 points).
 - d. School and Community involvement as described in Part D and Part E of the application (10 points each).
6. Notification: Applicants shall be officially notified by mail or email regarding the decision of the Committee on or before September 9, 2019.
7. Advisory: Please contact Miles Okumura (misterokumura@yahoo.com), committee chair, with questions, if any. You are advised to be certain that all procedures and applicable signatures, forms, lines, sections, etc. of the application are followed and completed. Incomplete applications will seriously affect the evaluation and point standing of the applicant. Should a recipient be unable to continue further education, he/she must so notify the Committee Chair promptly via email or by calling 808-640-4602.

Thank you very much for applying.

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Part A - Application Form

1. Name _____ High School: _____

2. Mailing address: _____ Home phone: _____

_____ E-mail _____

3. Parents' full names: Mother _____

Father _____

Legal guardian (if any) _____

4. Name of institution (s) you plan to attend:

a. _____ (check status) accepted _____ Pending _____

b. _____

c. _____

5. Proposed field of study: _____

6. Declaration of authenticity: I hereby certify that the information on this application form is complete and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Applicant)

Part B - Temple Activities (30 Points)

1. Please describe in writing your involvement in temple and other Shin Buddhist religion-connected activities. Use extra sheet(s) if needed to elaborate on this major criterion. (Ex., Dharma School, Jr. YBA, YESS Camp, service MC., Gathafest, volunteer work, etc).

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2. Signature of minister attesting to participation of candidate in above activities

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Minister)

Temple: _____

**Part C – 2019 Essay (30 Points) – Essay topic will change each year
2019 Question:**

There are reports of persecution of Muslims by the military in Myanmar, a Buddhist governed country and society. Suicide bombers in Sri Lanka came from a disenfranchised minority who felt oppressed by the governing Buddhist majority.

What can and/or should Jodo Shinshu Buddhists and their organizations (temples, statewide, national and international) be doing to oppose oppressive and violent behavior of Buddhist groups and governments?

Part D - School Activities (10 points)

Please describe your involvement in school activities during your high school years from grade 9 through your current term. (Ex. Student govt./class positions and activities, subject area clubs, sports, music, theater, etc).

Part E – Community Activities (10 points)

Please describe your involvement in community activities during your high school years from grade 9 through your current term. (Ex. 4-H, volunteer work and activities, scouting, Key/Leo clubs, sports, music, theater, etc).

Part F - Awards and Honors (10 points)

Please list and/or describe any special awards and honors received during your high school years from grade 9 through your current term.

Part G – Submit seven semester transcript (10 points)

Part H - Release Clause

I hereby grant permission for all materials submitted in this application to be used in part or whole for activities associated with the promotion, understanding and application of Shin Buddhist teachings and philosophy, and this scholarship program. A “no” response will not jeopardize evaluation of your application.

Check: _____ Yes or _____ No

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Applicant)

(Parent/Guardian)