Welcome to the HBLSF
Frequently Asked Questions

Please review these FAQ’s carefully before beginning the application. The information contained here is vital to insuring that your application is complete.

Submitting an incomplete, or incorrect application may affect your opportunity for a scholarship.

Do not hesitate to call (808) 537-3327, or email harrietbouslog@gmail.com
ELIGIBILITY

✔ Who is eligible to receive the scholarship?

To receive the HBLSF scholarship, the Applicant must be either:

A current member of ILWU Local 142, in good standing;

A family member of a current or retired, ILWU Local 142 member; living or deceased

The relative whose ILWU Local 142 membership qualifies you to receive the scholarship is referred to in the application as your “Qualifying Relative.”

✔ Is my relative a Qualifying Relative?

If possible, check first with your relative. If you are unable to confirm your relative’s ILWU Local 142 status with them you may click here to see an alphabetical list of all companies the ILWU Local 142 currently has bargaining agreements with.

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Please note: Not all employees of a particular employer will necessarily belong to the ILWU Local 142. Also, your relative may have been a member of ILWU Local 142 in the past, but their company may no longer be in business, or may no longer have a bargaining agreement with ILWU Local 142. If you have any question about your relative’s ILWU Local 142 membership status, you may call the ILWU Local 142 office in Honolulu at (808) 949-4161.

✔ What schools must I attend?

You must have applied for admission to, or be currently enrolled at, any of the 10 University of Hawaii system schools (four-year universities and community colleges), on a full-time basis:

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Four-Year Schools

UH Manoa
UH Hilo
UH West Oahu

Community Colleges:

Hawaii
Honolulu
Kapiolani
Kauai
Leeward
Maui College
Windward

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SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

✔ Application Period

Applications are accepted November 1 through April 1. Cut off date for Fall Semester is April 1.

April 1st is the deadline for submission of applications. HBLSF must receive your complete application by this date.

Receipt of your complete application will be acknowledged by email, no later than April 5. Be sure you provide an email address you currently monitor frequently. If you have submitted an application and have not heard from us by the April 15, please call, (808) 537-3327

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SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS (Continued)

✔ The application must be “COMPLETE”

To be considered “complete” when it is submitted, it must contain:

Application Form: See instructions that are part of the Application.

Digital Photo: The photo should be suitable for publishing on our website.

Letter(s) of Reference: One, or more, Letters of Reference from teachers, employers, or others the Applicant may have worked with, or participated with during extracurricular activities.

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Oral History Video (15 minutes (minimum) in length, in the MP4 format ONLY, and be no larger that 2GB)

This is a videotaped interview of an ILWU Local 142 member, preferably of your Qualifying Relative, but if that person is not available you may interview another ILWU Local 142 active or retired member.

Union members applying as their own “Qualifying Relative” should interview another ILWU Local 142 active or retired member.

Questions should be drafted prior to the interview that will shed light on the member’s experiences such as how the ILWU Local 142 impacted the lives of the member and their families, the work conditions for member and co-workers, and the member’s community.

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SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS (Continued)

Written Essay

For your essay in support of your application for a 2019 Harriet Bouslog Labor Scholarship, you must submit a 3-page double-spaced typewritten essay on any ONE of the following three topics:

1. What do you think Hawaii would be like had the ILWU 412 not organized Hawaii’s working people?
2. What should a union like ILWU Local 142 do to improve the quality of the lives of its members, both at work and in general?
3. How do you think the ILWU Local 142 improved Hawaii, if at all?

Acceptance Letter

If the Applicant has received an Acceptance Letter from U.H., that letter should accompany the Application. The Acceptance Letter may be sent later if not yet received, but in no even will any scholarship funds be disbursed to the successful applicants campus until the HBLSF office
receives the Acceptance Letter.  

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SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS (Continued)

✔ Notification of Award

Successful applicants will be notified on or about May 1st.

✔ Scholarship Award Amount

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✔ Number of scholarships awarded.

During any Scholarship Year (the year the scholarships are awarded), a maximum of 10 new scholarships may be awarded, with a preference being given to currently graduating high school seniors planning to attend an eligible school.

In the event that scholarships are still available after scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors, scholarships may be awarded to those who are already attending an eligible school or applying to do so. The length of these scholarships is based on the students class upon being awarded a scholarship.

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✔ Length of Award

To continue receiving the award, from semester to semester, ALL recipients, regardless of their academic status (undergraduate/graduate), must be:

1) Enrolled full-time (12 credits for undergraduates and program-specific for grad students); and

2) making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree.

Provided that these basic requirements are being met, students attending a four-year school will be awarded up to eight (8) semesters if they started as a freshman. Students starting as sophomores will be awarded up to six (6) semesters. Students starting as juniors will be awarded up to four (4) semesters and students starting as seniors will be awarded up to two (2) semesters

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Community college are initially awarded up to four (4) semesters. If they apply to and are accepted at a four-year campus after completing their two year program, they may receive up to a total of four (4) additional semesters of scholarship assistance toward a bachelor’s degree.

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SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS (Continued)

✔ Graduate School

Scholarship students who obtain their undergraduate degree from the University of Hawaii and are accepted into a graduate program at U.H., may apply to receive an additional four (4) semesters of scholarship awards for a two year program and up to eight (8) semesters for a four year program.

Students should notify the HBLSF office as soon as they begin the process of applying for entry into a graduate program.

Application may also be made for those applying to the John A. Burns School of Medicine and the William S. Richardson School of Law. The term of the scholarship benefit in these cases is handled as a graduate school scholarship.

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POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS

✔ Full-time Student

Students must register full-time. For undergraduates this is 12 credits per semester. Full-time status for graduate students will vary, depending upon the requirements of their particular graduate program.

✔ Annual ILWU Internship

Students must fulfill a one-day internship with the ILWU Local 142 each year.

Contact the ILWU Local 142 division directors on your island to arrange for the internship.

Oahu at (808) 949-4161 Michael Yamaguchi, Oahu Division Director;
Maui at (808) 244-9191 Steve Castro, Maui Division Director
Hawaii Island at (808) 936-6210 Elmer Gorospe, Hawaii Division Director
Kauai at (808) 645-0197 Pamela Green, Kauai Division Director
The internship will allow the student direct experience and may involve “shadowing” a business agent, conducting membership surveys, assisting at events like Labor Day, picketing, sign waving, or other similar activities.

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POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

✔ Timely Communication with the HBLSF Office.

Scholarship recipients must respond to email or phone communication from the HBLSF Office in a timely manner. Certain, regular email communication will occur concerning the requirement for students to communicate with us by a certain deadline. “Timely” is considered to be within one week of the initial request for information.

✔ Current contact information.

Any email address we have on file for you should be the email address you check most often so we can be assured emails are reaching you. Notify us immediately of any change in your email address, your cell phone, other contact phone, or mailing addresses.

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POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

✔ Deadlines you are required to meet.

Notify us whether or not you intend to continue to the next semester:

November 20th  
June 15th

Provide us with a pdf copy of your Campus Report (obtained on your “MyUH” website) no later than:

January 10th  
June 30th

You will be sent a reminder email two weeks prior to each deadline and are expected to respond in a timely manner (before the deadline date).

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POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

✔️ What if you are having academic difficulties?

HBLSF encourages all students to take advantage of the academic counseling available to them at their school.

Sometimes difficulties in a student’s life, outside of the classroom, also impact a student’s academic success. The members of the Scholarship Committee want to do anything they can to assist you throughout your higher education career, do please let us know if your are experiencing any difficulties. We cannot help if we are not aware of what is happening.