

Grace Scholarship Application

Waimea United Church of Christ

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Church's Name: New Hope Kapai'a

Current Grade-Point Average at Waimea High School

3.7

(Must be higher than 2.5)

Name of College to which the grant should be disbursed:

Hawaii Tokai International college

Purpose: The purpose of the Grace Scholarship is to provide assistance to senior students at Waimea High School, Kauai, who share in the Christian Faith and who intend to further their education at college level.

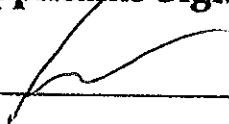
Grant Awards: The Waimea United Church of Christ currently offers one grant annually in the amount of \$1,000.

Administration: The Grace Scholarship Committee under the auspices of the Council of the Waimea United Church of Christ shall administer the grant.

Procedures:

- 1) Complete Application Form
- 2) Provide proof of GPA (transcript or school counselor's signed note)
- 3) Write a five-paragraph essay (type written) about "What your Christian Faith has meant to you during high school." (See attached example.) It is upon this essay that the decision of an award shall be primarily based, not upon church affiliation, GPA, need, or relation to members of the Waimea United Church of Christ.
- 4) Submit all documents to the Waimea United Church of Christ Office by the last day of March.
- 5) You will be contacted by mail as to whether or not you have received the grant by the last day of April.
- 6) The grant will be awarded to the college or university that you have indicated on the application. *The check will be presented to you during a scheduled worship service of the Waimea United Church of Christ. You will be required to attend that Sunday to accept the award. The essay that you will have submitted will become the property of the Waimea United Church of Christ and may be reprinted and/or excerpted.*

Applicants Signature:


_____ Date 1/21/19

(Parent's signature if not 18 yet)



My Faith

Sara Funtanilla

Jeremiah 29:11 says, “ ‘I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.” Growing up knowing the Lord, this verse was repeated to me many times, I memorized it. You may be wondering “Yeah, isn’t that what a memory verse is?” And you’d be correct, but while I was young this verse, and really my faith in general didn’t come from my love of God, rather it came from the fact that my parents were leaders in the church. It’s not like I couldn’t understand what I was reading, I knew the meaning behind the stories, and I knew that they were stories of good and love. But, that’s all they were to me...stories. Jesus was trying to get a hold on me all throughout middle school, but it wasn’t really till high school that I fell in love with Christ.

As a freshman I had no clue as to what I would do after high school, all I knew was that I enjoyed being around people. I started coming to the bible club here at Waimea high, and I became apart of the bible club council pretty fast. It was awesome, being apart of group of people who believed what I believed. I didn’t feel alone anymore....but it didn’t last very long. The president at that time, out of the blue, decided he didn’t want to be apart of our group. He left the club during my sophomore year, and my friend Kiana and I took over leading the group. She ending up quitting too during the end of sophomore year, and then it was only me. Numbers started to fall again, people didn’t want to come in that used to be every week members. I was sad, and I felt alone again.

During the summer, between Sophomore and Junior year, I had the opportunity to participate in a christian camp in hilo. The camp was called Legacy. I didn't think much of it, at the time, but in the end those four days, spent with other believers helped me overcome so many obstacles, fears, confusion...because they reintroduced me to a concept that I guess I just pushed to the back of my mind: God's love. I knew that God loved me, but I supposed I couldn't wrap my head around the fact that He loved me through every mistake, heart ache, upset, triumph, that I had ever been through! He was there for me through it all, and when I came home from camp He gave me a calling upon me life. I heard him say, "Speak my word..." that's it. He loves His people so much, He wants to tell them so many things, so many promises and hope that He wants to share, and all that time up until the summer of 2016 all I was thinking about was my self. I was thinking about how sad I was, how my life was turning out, how upsetting my circumstances were, when my life isn't about me.... It's not about me! It's about Jesus, it's about going out into the world and preaching His gospel. So when you ask me, "what my faith has meant to me throughout high school?" Jesus is my everything, and I'm striving to make sure that the Lord, and my neighbors, his children come first everyday. I know He has me, He knows everything about me, and I rest assured knowing no matter what happens in life He has plans, unfathomable plans for the future.