



**Sharon Gau
Memorial Scholarship**



Deadline: April 15, 2010

Providing economic assistance and incentive to students pursuing non-traditional employment and training

Sharon Gau exemplified personal growth through occupational fulfillment in her own life and worked towards supporting others to achieve their own career goals. A graduate of McKinley High School, Sharon entered federal employment as a clerical worker. She rose within the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training to become the Hawai'i State Director.

During her tenure Sharon worked with various apprenticeships, training, educational and labor groups to improve opportunities for women to enter non-traditional occupations. The voyaging canoe symbolizes the journey of Sharon's life. Her family, friends, and colleagues honor her memory by supporting others in their efforts to expand career opportunities to those entering nontraditional occupations.

What is a non-traditional occupation? Any occupational field that is predominately one gender (75% or more) is considered non-traditional for the under-represented sex. Go to <http://www.hawaii.edu/cte/>, and click the "Non-traditional" tab for a list of the current non-traditional programs at Hawaii's community colleges.

Who can apply for this scholarship?

- A resident of the state of Hawaii
- A student who currently enrolled in a postsecondary occupational preparation program (apprenticeship, community college, etc.)
- The major **must** fall under the **non-traditional** category for student's gender
- A financial need is demonstrated.

What can the scholarship be used for?

The \$750 scholarship award may be used for tuition, tool, textbooks, or other expenses connected with completing the occupational training.

Application Instructions

1. Submit in one envelope
2. Completed application form
3. One page self portrait (details below)
4. Most recent school transcript
5. Two letters of support (educator, employer, or community advisor)



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Self Portrait

1. Limit your statement to **one** page.
2. Comment on your short term and long term career plan and what progress you have made so far.
3. State the skills and knowledge you feel are needed to excel in today's competitive environment.
4. Comment on your progress in gaining those skills and knowledge.
5. Relate any obstacles, including financial need; you have had to overcome in working towards your occupational goals.
6. Comment on any turning points in your life, and list people and/or experiences that influenced your occupational pathway.

Letters of Support

Your application should include two letters of support. Share these tips with the people you ask for letters.

1. Comment on the student's level of initiative and commitment as she or he strives to gain the skills necessary for a **non-traditional** career.
2. Comment in the skill level that the student is obtaining in relation to what employers require for entry level jobs in the student's occupational program of study.
3. Describe any challenges or barriers that the student has effectively dealt with in his/her life or educational experience.
4. Describe the student's involvement in school, community, organizations, outreach, or related activities.
5. Describe academic rigor, related awards, or other accomplishments.

Mail or fax completed applications to:

Sharon Gau Memorial Scholarship
c/o Guy Shibayama
Honolulu Community College Apprenticeship Office
874 Dillingham Blvd.
Honolulu, HI 96817
Fax: 844-2327

Questions or more information:

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Applicant Name Home phone Cell phone

Home address City State/Zip

School/Training program

E-mail

The winner will be notified by e-mail and recognized at the Hawai'i Association for Career and Technical Education's (HACTE) annual awards luncheon on May 20, 2010