Committee: Programs - Scholarship

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Goal(s)/Objective(s):
1. To support the educational endeavors of HEA members and their dependents.
2. To return to Association’s original purposes and objectives. (Accent Hawaii, Vol 6 No 2, September 1980)
3. To strengthen excellence in education: (HEA Mission, 2019)
   · Advocate teaching as a profession;
   · Support pre-service and in-service educators; and
   · Advance professional learning for effective teaching.

Activities/Accomplishments in 2019-2020:
1. Changed the Continuing College Scholarship Guidelines by opening the applicant with the preference to HEA members. Deceased the award to two @ $1,000.
2. Created the Ronald K. Toma Scholarship for In-State In-Service Tenured Public School Educator pursuing Professional Development opportunities (Open Applicant). Multiple awards not to exceed $3,000.
3. Distributed $16,000 in scholarships to seven awardees in 2019.
5. Extended scholarship deadline to May 15, 2020 due to statewide school closures. HEA received 4 completed applications and 15 incomplete applications as of April 24, 2020.

Next Steps:
1. Creating a $500 TAAC scholarship