**2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT & APPLICATION**

**Application Deadline: June 30, 2024**

**MISSION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Society of Asian Art of Hawai’i, Inc. promotes the pursuit of higher education by awarding scholarship grants to deserving Hawai’i college or university students studying Asia-related art courses at Hawai’i institutions of higher learning.

**TYPES AND AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Scholarship Program is funded from contributions from individuals and organizations as well as fundraising activities conducted by the Society. For 2024-2025 the Society expects to award anywhere from $1,000 to $4,000 to each qualified applicant.

1. Society of Asian Art of Hawai’i Scholarship Fund

2. Susan Burghardt Scholarship Fund

The SAAH Scholarship Committee will determine the amounts based on the availability of funds. Note: to assure that applicants actually enroll in the courses they have selected, half of the scholarship amount will be given in September 2024, and the remaining half will be given in January 2025, after the fall transcript for 2024 completed courses and the spring 2025 course registration form have been submitted electronically to the email listed on the application form.

**ELIGIBILITY**

• Applicant must be a registered student at time of application and plans to take academic coursework pertinent to Asia-related art during each semester of 2024-2025.

• Applicant must be a registered college or university student in Hawai’i with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale at the time of the application. International students are welcome to apply, however, students with US citizenship or PR will have priority for consideration.

• Applicant must complete the application and provide all required documents by the stated deadline. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to request supplemental materials from any applicant.

• Previous scholarship awardees are eligible to re-apply for a maximum of two consecutive annual awards. Priority is given to first time applicants. Students enrolling in one-credit thesis or dissertation courses are eligible to apply so long as their dissertation or thesis topic relates to the study of Asia-related art.

**Directions:** Copy and save the application below as a document and then type the information asked for directly in the form. Upon completion, submit this application and supporting documents electronically by emailing them to:

saahscholarship@gmail.com

Any supporting documents (i.e. academic transcript, proof of course registration) must be sent electronically as a scanned or similar facsimile. Scan services are available at local FedEx offices. If you have access to your transcript online, please copy and paste it in at the end of the application or append it as an attachment. No paper documents are to be sent and only emailed items are accepted.

All application documents must be emailed and received no later than 6 p.m. on June 30, 2024.

If you have any questions about this scholarship or application procedures, please send them to the email address above.

Please check the application for grammar and spelling accuracy before submitting.

**Copy and paste the application below and do not include the above information.**

**2024-25 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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Email to: saahscholarship@gmail.com

**I. APPLICANT’S INFORMATION**:

Name (given name + surname):

Street Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Home Telephone:

Mobile Phone:

E-mail:

Name of College or University enrolled at:

Your academic major and minor:

Your academic standing in 2024-25 will be (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, MA grad student, Ph.D. grad student):

The anticipated month and year when you will complete your degree program is:

Your current grade point average (GPA, as shown on your most recent academic transcript) is:

Name of the department you are or will be enrolled in during 2024-25 academic year as a degree-seeking student:

Please list the course number, course title and grade (if already completed) of Asian-art related courses you have taken in the past, if any. If none, please indicate this:

Please list the course number, course title and term of each Asia-related art course you plan to take during 2024-25 academic year, listing each by the semester in which they are scheduled (since fall 2024 courses are not yet available for registration, list the course(s) you anticipate taking):

Fall Semester, 2024:

Spring Semester, 2025:

(Applicants receiving funding will later be asked to verify their planned course work by providing proof of course registration)

If any relative of yours is a member of the Society of Asian Arts of Hawai’i, please give the name and relationship (if none, please state so):

If you previously received any Society scholarships, please provide that information here by giving the amounts and dates:

What other financial grants have you received prior to the upcoming 2024-25 academic year (list the source, amount and dates for any award):

**II. APPLICATION ESSAY**

(a.) Write below a typed, single-spaced essay introducing yourself and discuss why you are interested in Asia-related art and how you would benefit from receiving a scholarship award. (b.) Provide an overview of your career plans, with specific reference to how your study of Asia-related art will enhance your career goals. (c.) List any Asia art-related activities or events you have or plan to participate in and any non-Society awards, grants or honors you have received. (d.) Mention if you are studying an Asian language as a complement to your Asia-related art coursework and evaluate your current level of proficiency.

WRITE ESSAY BELOW

**III. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** (optional)

Though not required, it is helpful to include up to two (2) letters of recommendation from educators or others familiar with your interest in and study of Asia-related art. List below the names, titles and email account of letter writers and be sure the letters are submitted electronically to saahscholarship@gmail.com by the June 30 deadline.

**IV. EXPECTATIONS OF AWARDEES**

Students awarded scholarships receive an honorary student membership (non-voting status) in the Society and are invited to attend presentations and Society meetings between September and April. Awardees are also invited to attend, *gratis*, the Society’s banquets around Chinese New Year and in May. At the May dinner awardees are required to give a 5–10-minute presentation or performance about the academic work they engaged in while receiving scholarship support and an update on their Asian art field career plans. At the completion of the scholarship award period, scholarship recipients are required to submit an official transcript verifying completed coursework relating to Asian art for each semester in proof that the courses listed in the application have been successfully completed. This is to be received at the above-referenced email address within sixty (60) days after the coursework has been completed.

**V. CERTIFICATION**

*By submitting this application via my email account and under penalty of perjury, I hereby certify that all information contained herein and any supporting documentation is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

*Furthermore, if for any reason I fail to complete my anticipated course work or provide the official transcript, I understand and agree that I am obligated to repay to the Society within sixty days after the end of the academic year any funds awarded to me.*

*I further authorize the release of any and all information contained herein and the supporting documents for the sole purpose of promoting the scholarship awards and the recipients and do hereby release the Society of Asian Art of Hawai’i, Inc., its officers, directors, members, agents, employees, and affiliates, from any and all claims relating to the release thereof.*

*In lieu of a signature on this electronic application, submitting it from your official email address (listed in the application) is considered a valid substitute for your signature.*

Type your name here, along with your email address:

Date when this application was emailed: