

Scottish Education Research Grant

Sponsored by the Caledonian Society of Hawaii

Dear Applicant:

The Caledonian Society of Hawaii, a non-profit organization founded to further interest in Scotland, makes awards to young people for study particularly related to Scotland. Awards of up to \$2000 may be given each year to students to undertake and complete a project to learn something about Scotland or Scottish history or culture. The award(s) is granted by the Awards Committee in the Spring of each year and should be completed during the following summer or academic year.

What you need to do:

1. Decide if you are eligible.

To be eligible you must be 18 to 26 years old, a United States citizen or permanent resident of the United States, a resident of the State of Hawaii, and have an enthusiasm for learning about Scottish culture or history. You need not be of Scottish descent to apply!

2. Gather ideas of a Scottish-related project you might like to do during the summer or next academic year.

These awards are not intended to support a student's general course of study, but to supplement a project to educate a student interested in Scottish culture or history. Previous winners of this Award have:

- Attended summer school at the University of Edinburgh to study Scottish history.
- Studied glass blowing at the Northlands Creative Glass Center in Scotland.
- Participated in an archeological dig in southern Scotland.
- Followed the route taken by David Balfour in Robert Louis Stevenson's novel *Kidnapped*.
- Attended a bagpipe school in Glasgow, Scotland.

It's not necessary to travel outside of Hawaii for a project, although travel may be considered.

Help in planning a project is available by asking for help in the personal statement of the application.

3. Complete the enclosed application for the award.

4. Write a Personal Statement in which you explain:

- What Scottish activity, course of study, or project you want to undertake and how will it be accomplished. **Be specific.** When do you want to start the project, what goals do you have for the project, what are the projected costs (be sure to include airfare, food and lodging, class tuition if any, extra spending costs). If you have supplementary materials, such as a brochure from a summer school you would like to attend, please include a copy with your application.
- What is your source of interest in Scottish heritage and what, if any, connections you have with Scotland.
- What would receiving this grant mean to you and how would it relate to other educational or career goals you might have.

5. Ask one person to send a letter of recommendation along with comments on your proposed project.

Ask people such as teachers, clergymen, counselors, youth group leaders, or employers who have known you for at least two years, and who are willing to testify to your responsibility, character, and interest in and capability of following through on the proposal. **The Recommendation should be sent by the person writing the letter directly to the address given below for receipt by Monday, March 3, 2008.**

6. Sign the certification at the bottom of the application form.

7. Mail the Application and Personal Statement by Monday, March 3, 2008 to:

Scottish Education Research Grant, The Caledonian Society of Hawaii, C/O 2257-A Kanealii Street, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Applications also can be e-mailed to susanmack1@mac.com subject line Scottish Education Grant.

8. Award winners will be required to attend one or two functions of the Caledonian Society upon the completion of the project.

The winner will speak to the Society about their experience and accomplishments of their project. They may also chose to present the results of the project with an album of photos or videos, a written account, or with a performance of what they have learned.

What happens next?

1. The Awards Committee of the Caledonian Society will review all completed applications.

The criteria for selection will be the applicant's enthusiasm for Scottish culture, the feasibility of the project, the completeness and appropriateness of the plans for the project, and the potential for growth and development in the area of interest. Other criteria such as academic achievement, involvement in school and community service activities, and employment experience may also be considered.

2. Some applicants may be asked to come in for an interview with the committee.

3. You may get help with your project details.

If the Committee deems it appropriate, they may ask someone from the Society to work with the applicant to help put together details of the applicant's proposed project.

4. The Committee will make awards recommendations to the Caledonian Society Council.

Winners will be notified ASAP after the final approval, presumably by April 30, 2008.

If you have questions, please call Lillian Cunningham at 538-7707 or Susan MacKinnon at 591-9398.

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Application for Scottish Education Research Grant (SERG)

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Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: M F (circle one)

Full Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No.: _____ U.S. Citizen: _____ or Permanent Resident Status: _____

Education (List schools you have attended, degrees, and dates awarded, high school and beyond)

Name and Location	Dates Attended	Degree Awarded (if any)
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List any institutions at which you have been accepted for the coming year.

List any academic honors or citations for leadership you have received.

List any other grants for study, scholarships, fellowships or other financial assistance you expect to receive to help you complete this project.

Work Experience (List jobs you have held)

Firm or Organization	Position Held	Address	Dates
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Extracurricular Activities

List any extracurricular activities. If you have shown leadership, skill, excellence of performance or high levels of responsibility, please note this.

Activity	Position or Achievement	Dates
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Certification

I certify that the information contained in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I will provide supplementary documentary evidence upon request. I hereby authorize The Caledonian Society of Hawaii to release information regarding my application for publicity purposes. I further understand and agree, should I be awarded the Grant, I will attend such Society functions as may be deemed necessary by the Committee. I understand I will be expected to speak to the Society on my accomplishments at the conclusion of my project.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The completed application and Personal Statement is to be mailed to the address below for receipt by March 3, 2008. The letter of recommendation should be mailed by the person writing the recommendation to the address below by March 3, 2008.

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Thank you for your interest in the Scottish Educational Research Grant (SERG).