



## 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 people for study particularly related to Scotland. Awards of up to \$2000 may be given each year 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 each year and should be completed within the following year. **Please note:** this grant is not intended to completely fund a project, nor should it be considered a scholarship, which is based on academic achievement.

### What you need to do:

#### 1. Decide if you are eligible.

To be eligible you must be 18 years or older, 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 pursue.

Previous winners of this Award have:

- Attended summer school at the University of Edinburgh to study Scottish history.
- Participated in an archeological dig in southern Scotland.
- Followed the route taken by David Balfour in Robert Louis Stevenson's novel *Kidnapped*.
- Explored the culture & lifestyle of organic farms in Scotland with the World-Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF).
- Studied the Gaelic language at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig on the Isle of Skye, 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 of one of the committee members.

#### 3. "Research" means that you have used academic or verifiable resources to support your proposed project.

#### 4. Complete the enclosed application for the award.

#### 5. 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 school you would like to attend, please include a copy with your application.
- What is your interest in Scottish heritage and what, if any, connections do 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?



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

**7. Mail the Application and Personal Statement to:  
Scottish Education Research Grant,  
C/O The Caledonian Society of Hawaii,  
PO Box 4164, Honolulu, HI 96812-4164.**

Applications can also be e-mailed to [SERG@scotsinhawaii.org](mailto:SERG@scotsinhawaii.org).

**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 choose to present the results of the project with an album of photos, videos, a written account of the project experience, or with a performance of what they have learned. Upon agreement between both parties, this presentation may be recorded for future use by the Caledonian Society (not for public use).

**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 around the area of interest. Other criteria such as academic achievement, involvement in school and community service activities, and employment experience may also be considered for project award selection.

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

**3. You may get help with your project details by contacting the SERG Committee at [SERG@scotsinhawaii.org](mailto:SERG@scotsinhawaii.org).** The Committee may ask someone knowledgeable 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.

**5. You will receive a one-year honorary membership in the Caledonian Society of Hawaii upon completion of your project and report to the Society.**

**If you have questions, please email [SERG@scotsinhawaii.org](mailto:SERG@scotsinhawaii.org) and a committee member will contact you.**

**Application for Scottish Education Research Grant (SERG)**



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ M / F / NB (circle one)

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Hawaii Residence since: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen: \_\_\_\_\_ or Permanent Resident Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 other expected assistance.**

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

**Current Employment or Work Experience** (List jobs you have held)

Firm or Organization	Position Held	Address	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 video tape my presentation for use by the Society in their furtherance of the mission of the Society. I understand and agree, should I be awarded the Grant, I will be expected to attend such Society functions as may be deemed necessary by the Committee to adequately present my project. I understand I will be expected to speak to the Society on my accomplishments at the conclusion of my project. I acknowledge I will be given a one-year honorary membership in the Caledonian Society to learn more about the Society and its functions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The completed application and Personal Statement are to be mailed to the address below.

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