How To Qualify

Applicant must:
Be a family member of an active or retired member of the ILWU Local 142 OR an ILWU Local 142 member in good standing;

Be currently enrolled at, or have applied for admission to any campus of the University of Hawaii system on a full time basis;

and

Meet the oral history (video interview) and essay requirements;

Apply anytime before April 1st, by submitting the following to the Harriet Bouslog Labor Scholarship Fund office by email:

A completed application form;
The oral history video & essay;
A list of extracurricular activities;
A personal letter of reference.
See our website for detailed application instructions.

Applications may be submitted any time before April 1 for an award beginning the following fall semester. Applications will be reviewed and notifications given by May 1.

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Harriet Bouslog Sawyer 1912-1998

Harriet Bouslog was born in 1912 in Maxwell, Florida and graduated from the University of Indiana School of Law in 1936, the only woman in her class.

She moved to Hawaii in 1936 and was licensed to practice law in Hawaii in 1941---2 days before the December 7th attack on Pearl Harbor. As the result of the war, Harriet moved to Washington D.C. to work for the National War Board where she met Harry Bridges and began working for the ILWU. She returned to Hawaii in September of 1946 to defend the ILWU workers who had been arrested during the 1946 sugar strike. She then established the firm Bouslog & Symonds with her partner, Meyer Symonds.

From 1946 to 1978, Harriet served as the ILWU Local 142's General Counsel and was involved in mounting the legal defense of working men and women, and others who had no advocate in seeking social and workplace justice. Harriet tirelessly championed the rights of free speech for all citizens and her work also resulted in the end of capital punishment in Hawaii. Harriet believed that her association and assistance to the members of Local 142 gave her professional life meaning.

The Harriet Bouslog Building
63 Merchant Street, Honolulu

Harriet married Stephen T. Sawyer in 1950 and he supported Harriet in her professional life as Harriet supported the members of Local 142. In 1988, the Harriet Bouslog Labor Scholarship Fund (HBLSF) was established by Harriet and Stephen to celebrate the men and women of Local 142 and their impact on the lives of Harriet and Stephen. HBLSF celebrates the contribution of ILWU Local 142 by benefiting the children and grandchildren of Local 142's members and retirees through the granting of scholarships to attend schools within the University of Hawaii college system. Harriet passed away in 1998 and Stephen passed away on Labor Day 2008.

Today, the HBLSF provides tuition assistance for the University of Hawaii system campuses for family members of existing and retired ILWU Local 142 members, as well as members themselves. Preference is given to children and grandchildren of active and retired members, and further preference to high school seniors. A maximum of 10 new scholarships are awarded each year with the goal being to achieve a maximum of 40 undergraduate scholarship recipients during any scholarship year.

The undergraduate scholarship award can continue for a maximum of eight (8) semesters provided that the recipient remains a full-time student and maintains satisfactory academic progress. While there is no need to reapply each year, there are certain requirements for maintaining the scholarship award, the details of which may be found in the scholarship section of the Harriet Bouslog website at:

harriettouslog.com/scholarship

In addition, benefits may also be available for scholarship recipients who, having completed UH undergraduate studies, wish to continue their education in any of UH's graduate schools, including the John A. Burns School of Medicine and the William S. Richardson School of Law.

For the most up-to-date and specific information concerning the scholarship awards, please see our website's scholarship section.

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