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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**HEPA Offering Three, \$3,000 College Scholarships for Graduating High School Seniors in Hilo and Honoka`a**

*Scholarships based on compelling financial need.*

**(Hilo, April 13, 2021)** The Hawaii Emergency Physicians Associated, Inc. (HEPA), the physicians who staff the emergency room at Hilo Medical Center and Hale Ho`ola Hamakua in Honokaa, is offering (2) \$3,000 college scholarships to students in Hilo and one (1) \$3,000 college scholarship to students in Honoka`a. The awardees will receive \$1,500 per semester. The aim of these scholarships is to assist graduating high school students from the East Hawaii region, who without financial assistance, would have no opportunity to attend college. The most important considerations in the HEPA selection criteria are financial and familial hardship.

Application forms are available at the Hilo Medical Center Administration office and Hale Ho`ola Hamakua Administration office or scrolling below. For more information, email Elena Cabatu at [ecabatu@hhsc.org](mailto:ecabatu@hhsc.org). Completed application forms and all required documents must be received by **Thursday, May 15, 2021.**

**Eligibility Criteria**

1. Must show compelling financial need.
2. Must be from East Hawaii.
3. Must be a full-time classified student during scholarship year.
4. Must be a graduating high school student.

**Application Procedure**

1. Submit the following documents by the **Thursday, May 15, 2021.**
  - Application form
  - Photo copy of most recent report card or transcripts
  - Photocopy of SAR report or Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for applicable school year
2. Send 2 letters of reference from teachers, counselors employers or other individuals who are familiar with your character and potential. Include relationship to you.

3. Mail all required documents for:

**Hilo Area Students to:**

Elena Cabatu  
Director of Marketing  
Hilo Medical Center  
1190 Waiianuenue Avenue  
Hilo, HI 96720

**Honoka`a Area Students to:**

Faith Olivera  
Emergency Department Nurse Manager  
Hale Ho`ola Hamakua  
45-547 Plumeria Street  
Honokaa, Hawaii 96727

Attn: HEPA Scholarship Committee

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**About the East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation**

*As the Big Island's leading providers of inpatient and outpatient care, the East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC), consisting of Hilo Medical Center, Hale Ho'ola Hamakua and Ka'u Hospital, delivers a full range of services and programs. Our three hospitals include over 1,300 employees and a medical staff comprised of 250 physicians, physician assistants and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, representing 33 specialties. The region has a network of 13 outpatient clinics offering primary and specialty care. Hilo Medical Center functions as a Level III Trauma Center, which includes the second busiest emergency room in the state, providing 24-hour care and serving more than 50,000 patients annually. Hale Ho'ola Hamakua and Ka'u Hospital are designated as Critical Access Hospitals.*

*The East Hawaii Region of HHSC is part of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, a public entity established in 1996 by the State of Hawaii to fulfill the promise to provide quality, hometown healthcare. For more information, go to: [www.hilomedicalcenter.org](http://www.hilomedicalcenter.org), [www.halehoolahamakua.org](http://www.halehoolahamakua.org) or [www.kauhospital.org](http://www.kauhospital.org).*

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**Hawaii Emergency Physicians Associated, Inc.**  
**2021 Scholarship Application Form**  
**Deadline Thursday, May 15, 2021**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

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High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

College You Plan to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

**Write a personal essay describing your future plans and goals (i.e. family, education, career, etc.).  
Please also explain in your own words why your financial need is compelling.**