
The Friends of Operation Manong

2009-2010 JUSTICE BEN MENOR SCHOLARSHIP

Benjamin Menor was born in San Nicolas, Ilokos Norte, on September 27, 1923. He moved to Pahoia, Hawai'i in 1930 and graduated from Hilo High School in 1941. After serving in the U.S. Army First Filipino Infantry Regiment, Ben attended the University of Hawai'i and Boston University, where he obtained his law degree and became one of the first two Filipino Americans to pass the Bar exam. Ben subsequently became a state senator, Kohala district court magistrate, a Big Island circuit court judge, and, in 1974, Ben was appointed to the state Supreme Court. Justice Menor is remembered by Hawai'i's leaders as being a wise and compassionate person and judge. Ben died on July 4, 1986.

The Justice Ben Menor Scholarship was conceived, in 1989, by the Operation Manong Alumni and Friends Association, as a community response to a University of Hawai'i report recognizing the need to encourage more students of Filipino ancestry to pursue higher education. The Scholarship is named in honor of a person who not only became the first Filipino to serve as a Hawai'i state senator and the nation's first Filipino American State Supreme Court justice, but also because Ben had dedicated himself to making the courtroom a more humane place for all. Since 1994 the Scholarship has been administered by The Friends of Operation Manong.

Scholarships will be awarded to incoming University of Hawai'i undergraduates of Filipino ancestry. Applicants may attend any UH campus and should be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Selection for awards will be determined by financial need, academic achievement, school/community involvement, and responses to two essay questions. Each \$1000 scholarship will be awarded during the Fall 2009 semester. Proof of UHM registration will be required of awardees. If you have any questions, please call the UH Office of Multicultural Student Services at 956-7348. **All materials must be received or postmarked by the deadline.**

DEADLINE: April 30, 2009

CHECKLIST

- Application (2 sides), two essays, signature
- High school transcript with third quarter senior grades
(ATTACH TO AND SEND WITH APPLICATION)
- Copy of Student Aid Report (SAR), including Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)
- Copy of UH acceptance letter

Send all application materials to: Friends of Operation Manong
Justice Ben Menor Scholarship
c/o 744 Elepaio Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96816

Justice Ben Menor Scholarship Application

Student's Name: _____ Phone/Cell: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Sex: Male Female

Parent(s) or Legal Guardians: _____ High School: _____

Activities and Interests

1. List your extracurricular, recreational, and/or community activities (attach additional sheet if necessary):

Activity	Grade(s) Participated				Approximate Hours/Week	Positions Held/Honors Won
	9	10	11	12		
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
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2. List all full- and part-time jobs you have held (attach additional sheet if necessary):

Kind of Work	Employer	Dates of Employment	Approximate Hours/Week
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Describe other interests not covered above on a separate sheet of paper.

Student Aid Report (SAR)

Submit a copy of your SAR, including the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) for the 2009-2010 academic year. To receive a SAR, complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), using estimated numbers, if necessary. The SAR is your official record that your FAFSA was received and processed by the Federal processor. For more information about the FAFSA and to apply online, please visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Many scholarship funds require a copy of the SAR so you are encouraged to complete the FAFSA for all financial aid applications.

Official Grade Transcript

Submit your most recent official grade transcript. All transcripts must be original documents issued by your school. You may attach your transcript with this application.

Household Information

Provide information about the persons your parents or legal guardians will support between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010. List all dependents who will receive more than half of their financial support from your parents or legal guardians.

Full Name of Family Member	Relationship to Applicant	Age	In College?	
			yes	no
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

My signature below indicates that all information included in this application is factually correct, complete, and honestly presented.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE: All information contained within this application remains confidential. Only the applicant, the selection committee and the University of Hawai'i Office of Multicultural Student Services staff may view information.

Essay Questions (2)

Write a *short* essay on **each** of the following two questions:

- A. What is your sense of cultural identity, and why (or why not) is it important?
- B. How does your pursuing a degree in higher education benefit you and your community?

You need not write at length or use elevated language. We are primarily concerned with your ability to reason, think creatively, and write clearly, accurately and persuasively. Please type (no handwriting) your essays in the space below (use back, if necessary) or print and attach 8½x 11" sheet (or sheets) of paper. Be sure to include your name at the top of each sheet.