More than half of the 2,800 students attending Windward Community College receive financial aid and many more are in grave need of financial help. The rising costs of tuition, books and fees confront students with a tough choice between finding more funding or quitting school. Scholarships can be the difference.

Although only approximately 50 students receive financial aid through scholarships, students like Anuhea say it is a lifesaver. Here’s her story...

**Anuhea Jumawan—One of Many Success Stories**

“I first came to Windward right out of jail after being convicted of drug possession among other things. I didn’t believe I deserved any breaks in life and I had a hard time trying to balance everything—court, home, school, and my kids who I had lost custody of at the time. I realized a lot of things I could be doing... but wasn’t. So I cleaned up my act and got down to doing the hard work in school. It paid off when I earned a 4.0 and was offered a position as a Supplemental Instruction leader from Professor Akatsuka for his Math 20 class.

I then became a tutor for the TRiO program. Little did I know just how important these positions were in my life. I enjoyed helping others and being a part of their success so much, that my goals for the future are to become a math professor and earn a degree in psychology. I appreciate the Hawai’i Veteran’s Memorial scholarship because they believed in me and my ability to succeed in school and much more than that... life itself.” —**Anuhea Jumawan, 2011 scholarship recipient**

“Our students need scholarships. We help close to 1,500 students every year with some sort of financial support—either private scholarships or federal aid, or the combination of the two. I know there are at least 500 more students who are struggling to pay tuition and the costs associated with attending school. We definitely need more scholarships.” —**Steven Chigawa, WCC Financial Aid Director**
WCC Students Need Your Commitment

A well-educated workforce has a positive impact on our community. Investing in our students now will benefit the entire community in the future. Here are some ideas for how you can help.

**Named Scholarships**

Did you know you could give a gift of $1,000 and name the scholarship along with determining the criteria for applying? This amount could be just enough to keep one student in school on the path to a better life for the student and their family.

**Named Scholarship Endowment**

You can open a scholarship endowment for $25,000 in your name. Most of our donors fund an endowment over a five-year period.

**WCC General Scholarship**

The WCC General Scholarship is an option for those who want to give to the general aid fund at any level.

**WCC General Scholarship Endowment**

At present, the General Scholarship Endowment is just over $30,000 in total. The ideal would be to build the endowment to $1,000,000 to support students who need financial assistance.

**Tuition for Community Colleges 2012-2017—based on 15 credits per semester**

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*Does not include books, fees, supplies, bus pass or transportation costs, living expenses etc.

“I have spoken with students who told me what it felt like to receive word that they had ‘won’ a scholarship. Not only are they thrilled and empowered, but it gives them the feeling that they can succeed in school. There is newfound awareness that a decent job with a decent wage is in sight, and attainable. A scholarship accomplishes much more than covering the costs for tuition, books and fees. I invite all scholarship donors to our Annual Scholarship Reception. Our student stories will bring tears to your eyes. The need for scholarship donations is critical right now. Think about the lives you will change.” —Doug Dykstra, Chancellor, Windward Community College

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