

Application for CHL Training Program and Financial Aid

Offered by the Children's Healthy Living Program for Remote Underserved Minority Populations in the Pacific Region (CHL)

Overview:

The CHL Training Program is designed to provide promising undergraduate and graduate students with financial aid to attend selected College and University degree programs that will help prepare them for careers focused on preventing childhood obesity in the Pacific region. A list of the CHL-approved degree programs and contact information can be found on pages 2-4 below. In addition to the degree program requirements, supplemental CHL Training Program requirements will be expected of each awardee. A description of the CHL Training Program and requirements can be found on the CHL website at: <http://www.chl-pacific.org/program-overview>.

This application is specific for applying to the CHL Training Program and does not substitute for applications made directly to the College or University degree program to which the applicant seeks to enroll. Therefore, **there are two application processes that are required: 1)** the applicant must meet all the application requirements and deadlines for the degree program they are applying to, and these materials should be sent directly to the College or University degree program; **2)** the applicant should also send a copy of their degree program application materials to the CHL Training Program along with the CHL application materials described below. A checklist of CHL application materials required and addresses to which the CHL application should be sent are included at the end of this application form. Students already in a CHL-approved degree program may also apply for admission into the CHL Training Program.

Criteria for successful application to the CHL Training Program include:

- **Residency:** Candidates should be a resident of a jurisdiction included in CHL (i.e., Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia) and must be a US citizen, US National, US green-card holder, or a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia. Students who are indigenous/native to the jurisdictions noted above are encouraged to apply.

Applicants who are not current residents of a CHL jurisdiction will be considered when it can be demonstrated that upon graduation the applicant intends to reside and work within a CHL jurisdiction. Questions about residency should be addressed to the jurisdiction to which the CHL application will be sent (listed at the end of this form).

- **Background:** Candidates should provide strong evidence that they have the background training to be successful in the degree program to which they are applying (or are currently enrolled in).
- **Research potential:** Candidates should provide evidence of prior experience, or potential, to conduct hands-on projects related to obesity prevention and/or obesity research appropriate to the degree they are seeking.
- **Self-motivation:** Candidates should provide evidence of prior experience, or potential, to be an active participant in interdisciplinary distance-education courses with other CHL trainees (i.e., demonstrate they will be interactive, self-motivated learners open to broad interdisciplinary training related to obesity using distance education techniques).
- **Commitment:** Candidates should provide evidence of their commitment to reside and work in a CHL jurisdiction after graduation in a role that helps to prevent childhood obesity.

CHL-approved College and University Degree Programs

University of Alaska

1. *Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies (MA, MS, PhD)*

Offered through: Multiple departments at the University of Alaska Fairbanks

Program website: <http://www.uaf.edu/gradsch/classes/interdisciplinary-program/>

CHL Training Program Coordinator: Joshua Greenberg, PhD. E-mail: jagreenberg@alaska.edu

2. *Doctor of Philosophy in Natural Resources and Sustainability (PhD)*

3. *Master of Science in Natural Resources Management (MS)*

4. *Master's degree in Natural Resource Management and Geography (MNRMG)*

Offered by: School of Natural Resources & Agricultural Sciences
University of Alaska Fairbanks
PO Box 75720
Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-7200

Program websites:

http://www.uaf.edu/catalog/catalog_09-10/programs/nat_res_sustain_grad.html

http://www.uaf.edu/catalog/catalog_09-10/programs/nat_res_mgmt_grad.html#ms

http://www.uaf.edu/catalog/catalog_09-10/programs/nat_res_mgmt_geo.html

CHL Training Program Coordinator: Joshua Greenberg, PhD. E-mail: jagreenberg@alaska.edu

5. *Master of Public Health (MPH). Note: this is a distance education (online format) program.*

Offered by: Department of Health Sciences
University of Alaska Anchorage
3211 Providence Drive, DPL 405
Anchorage, AK 99508-4614

Program website: <http://health.uaa.alaska.edu/mph/index.htm>

CHL Training Program Coordinator: Bret Luick, PhD. E-mail: bluick@alaska.edu

6. *Associate of Science with concentration in Rural Nutrition Services (RNS)*

Offered by: Interior-Aleutians Campus
University of Alaska Fairbanks
PO Box 756720
4280 Geist Road
Fairbanks, AK 99775

Program website: <http://www.uaf.edu/iac/programs/rural-nutrition-services/>

CHL Training Program Coordinator: Bret Luick, PhD. E-mail: bluick@alaska.edu

CHL-approved College and University degree programs (continued)

University of Guam

7. Bachelor of Science (BS), in Health Sciences (Public Health Track)

8. Bachelor of Science, Nursing (BSN)

Offered by: School of Nursing and Health Sciences
Health Science Building Room 103
UOG Station
Mangilao, GU 96923

Program Website:

<http://www.uog.edu/dynamicdata/SchoolofNursingandHealthSciences.aspx?siteid=1&p=116>

CHL Training Program Coordinators:

BS in Health Sciences: Yvette Paulino, PhD. E-mail: yvettecpaulino@uguam.uog.edu
BSN in Nursing: Margaret Hattori-Uchima, RN, MSN. E-mail: muchima@uguam.uog.edu

University of Hawaii at Manoa

1. Bachelor of Science (BS) in Food Science and Human Nutrition (Dietetics, Pre-professional, and Sports and Wellness tracks are available)

2. Master of Science (MS) in Nutritional Sciences

3. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nutrition

Offered by: Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences
1955 East West Road
Honolulu, HI 96822

Program websites: <http://www2.ctahr.hawaii.edu/depart/hnfas/>

CHL Training Program Coordinator: Michael A. Dunn, PhD. E-mail: mdunn@hawaii.edu

4. Master of Public Health (MPH)

5. Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)

6. Master of Science (MS) in Public Health

7. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Epidemiology

Offered by: Department of Public Health Sciences
1960 East-West Road, Biomed D204
Honolulu, HI 96822

Program websites: <http://www.hawaii.edu/publichealth/academics/areas.html>

CHL Training Program Coordinator: Claudio Nigg, PhD. E-mail: cnigg@HAWAII.EDU

CHL-approved College and University degree programs (continued)

University of Hawaii Community Colleges

1. *Associate in Science (AS) in Exercise and Sports Science*

Offered by: Kapi'olani Community College
4303 Diamond Head Road
Honolulu, HI 96816

Program website: http://kcc.hawaii.edu/object/io_1161986235750.html

CHL Training Program Coordinator: Ron Takahashi. E-mail: rtakahas@HAWAII.EDU

2. *Nursing Pathway, from Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) to Registered Nurse (RN)*

Offered by: Windward Community College
45-720 Kea'ahala Rd.
Kaneohe, HI 96744

Program websites:

http://windward.hawaii.edu/CNA/new_pathway_site/index.html

<http://windward.hawaii.edu/CNA/FAQs.html>

CHL Training Program Coordinator: Jamie Boyd, PhD, RN. E-mail: boydj@hawaii.edu

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Application Form - Personal Information

Name of Applicant _____
Last (family name), First, Middle Initial

Mailing Address _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

E-mail address _____

Date of Birth _____

Residency declaration (see page 1) _____

College or University and specific degree program to which you are applying

- Ethnicity (Please check):
- African American/Black
 - Asian-American (please specify) _____
 - Filipino
 - Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian (please specify) _____
 - White, Non-Hispanic
 - Native American, Alaskan (please specify) _____
 - Hispanic American; Latino(a)
 - Other (please specify) _____
 - Prefer not to respond

State and federal laws pertaining to civil rights require CHL to report ethnic data. Applicants who select "Other" should specify ethnic status in the space provided. Applicants who choose to submit this application without ethnic data should select the "Prefer Not to Respond" option.

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Application Form - Personal Statements

Please type. If you paste into this form, please use a 10-12 point font.

- 1) Please provide a brief description of why you are applying for admission into the CHL Training Program.

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Application Form - Personal Statements (continued)

2) Please identify the CHL jurisdiction (and community if possible) you are interested in working in to help prevent childhood obesity, and describe your ideas for what is most needed in that region to help solve the problem of childhood obesity.

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Application Form - Personal Statements (continued)

3) Please describe your long-term career goals and your commitment to residing and working in a CHL jurisdiction in a role that helps to prevent childhood obesity.

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Application Form - PROCEDURES FOR SUBMISSION

When to submit: **Applications must be received no later than 4:00 PM, December 30, 2011.**

What to submit:

1. Completed CHL application form (Pages 5-8 of this document).
2. A copy of the complete application prepared for the College or University degree program to which you are applying (including any letters of reference, statement of objectives, required test scores, and transcripts submitted). If you are already in a CHL-approved degree program, all that you need to submit is your current transcripts.
3. A copy of your resume or CV.
4. Two letters of recommendation using the CHL recommendation form available on pages 11-13 (or at <http://www.chl-pacific.org/trainingeducation/application/letter-of-recommendation-form>). It is the applicant's responsibility to send the recommendation form to two individuals who can comment on their abilities and motivation to conduct projects/research related to childhood obesity and their commitment to help prevent child obesity in a CHL jurisdiction after graduation. Ask the recommender to send the letter directly to the jurisdiction address you will be sending your application to (Note: you will need to provide the recommender with this address; addresses are listed on page 10 and at <http://www.chl-pacific.org/trainingeducation/lead-site-co-investigators-2>).

Where to submit:

Please send all application materials to the CHL jurisdiction where you claim residency. Addresses are listed on page 10 (and at <http://www.chl-pacific.org/trainingeducation/lead-site-co-investigators-2>). Recommendations should be submitted directly by the person writing the letter.

If you do not claim residency in a CHL jurisdiction send your materials to the jurisdiction in which the College or University you are applying to resides. Paper or electronic submission is acceptable.

What happens after you submit:

Step 1, Ranking by jurisdiction. The jurisdiction admission committee will review your application and may contact you to request an interview by phone or in person. Applications will be ranked and forwarded to the CHL admissions committee by Jan 15th.

Step 2, Qualification by CHL. The CHL admissions committee will review your application and may also request an interview. This committee will decide by Jan 30th if you qualify for admission into the CHL training program. Note: Qualification by the CHL admission committee does not mean you will be admitted into the degree program you have applied to – that decision is made by the College or University degree program. However, if you are qualified for admission into the CHL Training Program you should make the degree program aware that you are eligible for financial aid from CHL.

Step 3, Final decision. If you are admitted into a degree program, the CHL admissions committee will make a final decision on your admission into the CHL Training Program based on your competitiveness with all other CHL applicants from your jurisdiction that have been accepted into a degree program. Only 2 applicants from each jurisdiction will be admitted into the CHL training program. Final decisions will be made by April 30th.

CHL Jurisdiction Addresses and Contact Information for Lead Site Co-Investigator

American Samoa:

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CHL American Samoa Lead Site Co-Investigator
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Instructions to recommender: The above named applicant is applying to receive financial aid and admission into the obesity prevention training program provided by *The Children’s Healthy Living Program for Remote Underserved Minority Populations in the Pacific Region (CHL)*. For further information please visit: <http://www.chl-pacific.org/program-overview>. The CHL Training Program will be a component of the College or University degree program indicated above in item III.

We ask that you rank the applicant on the criterion listed below which specifically relate to their potential to excel in the CHL Training Program and contribute to the goals of CHL.

- 1) Please rate this applicants potential to conduct an obesity-related project, internship, or research appropriate to the degree they are seeking (e.g. AS, BS, MS or PhD).

Unable to Judge	Low Potential	Fair	Good	Very Good	Exceptional Potential

- 2) Please rate this applicant’s potential as a self-motivated learner in an interdisciplinary distance-education course format using the items listed below.

	Unable to Judge	Low Potential	Fair	Good	Very Good	Exceptional Potential
Perseverance						
Intellectual curiosity						
Creativity						
Resourcefulness						
Problem solving ability						
Ability to work independently						
Computer skills						
Oral communication skills						
Team player skills						
Leadership ability						
Work ethic						

- 3) Please rate the likelihood of this applicant returning to their declared residency after graduation to work in a role related to preventing childhood obesity.

Unable to Judge	Low Potential	Fair	Good	Very Good	Exceptional Potential

- 4) Please assess the overall potential of this applicant to make an impact on preventing childhood obesity in their jurisdiction after they graduate.

Unable to Judge	Low Potential	Fair	Good	Very Good	Exceptional Potential

5) In the space below, or on a separate sheet, please expand on your above ratings or add additional information about your recommendation of this applicant.