FAQ for Regents and Presidential Scholarship

Q Who should apply for RAPS/Honors?
The recent partnership between RAPS and Honors recognizes that both RAPS and Honors students are motivated, bright, and engaged. RAPS/Honors applicants are ideally students who want to be academically challenged, embrace interdisciplinary critical thinking, and approach learning with curiosity and a sense of ownership.

AFFILIATION WITH HONORS
Q Do I have to be an accepted UHM Honors student by the time I apply for a Regents and Presidential Scholarship?
No. We are asking that the Honors application be at least in progress in order to help us smooth the selection process. If awarded a Regents or Presidential Scholarship you must have successfully completed your Honors Program application (including interview) by May 1. But Honors does strongly encourage early completion of the Honors Interview and process before May 1st. The submitted RAPS Scholarship Letter/s of Recommendation will cover both Honors & RAPS, so no need for another LOR for Honors.

Q Are the applications for Honors and RAPS the same?
No. These are separate applications. As stated above, however, the submitted RAPS Scholarship Letter/s of Recommendation will cover both Honors & RAPS, so no need for another LOR for Honors. Once you have completed the applications (apart from the LOR), please book an appointment with the appropriate Honors advisor for an interview (Regents: Dr. Scally or Dr. Ní Dhonacha; Presidential: Dr. Gonzalez)

Q Can I still be in Honors even if I am not a RAPS recipient?
Yes.

Q How can I connect with other RAPS students?
RAPS are automatically part of the UHM RAPS Club. Visit the RAPS Club website here: https://rapsuhm.weebly.com/ for more information on how to become active in the club.

SERVICE & ENGAGEMENT
Q What kind of service/engagement requirements come with a RAPS scholarship?
Each RAPS recipient is expected to undertake and document 10 hours of service and engagement each semester - link here for more details about Service.

Service Hours (Volunteering) are student initiated, can be Community or UHM based, and occur during Fall and Spring semester enrollment. Honors envisions “service” as meaningful unpaid engagement work and support that is focused on benefiting and helping entities at UHM or in the local community who advocate for the greater good in some fashion. This type of service and
volunteering can strengthen civic engagement, meaning making, and foster a sense of connection and belonging.

Examples could be volunteering for the UHM Undergraduate Showcase at the end of each Fall or Spring semester, choosing from the UHM RAPS Club, UHM Pre-Health/Pre-Law Advising Center Community Service, Native Hawaiian Student Services, Office of Civic and Community Engagement, or other UHM Clubs offering service, or sustainability or 'āina based opportunities and initiatives either on the UHM campus or in the community.

This is not an exhaustive list, by any means, and there are a lot of options and variety, even virtually.

See some resources for finding service opportunities below:

UHM Undergraduate Showcase
https://manoa.hawaii.edu/undergrad/showcase/

UHM Pre-Health/Pre-Law Advising Center Community Service
http://manoa.hawaii.edu/undergrad/pac/health/ongoing-community-service-opportunities/

Office of Civic and Community Engagement
https://manoa.hawaii.edu/undergrad/civic-engage/

https://manoa.hawaii.edu/undergrad/civic-engage/upcoming-events/

Native Hawaiian Student Services
https://manoa.hawaii.edu/nhss/community-service-outreach/community-service-opportunities/

Preserve Hawai‘i
https://preservehawaii.org/volunteer/

UHM COE ACCESS Engagement
http://socialsciences.hawaii.edu/access/engagement/