THE GROOTAERT SCHOLARSHIP

Born in Ghent, Belgium, Dr Christiaan Grootaert obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Upon graduation, he joined the staff of the World Bank where his efforts focused primarily on poverty alleviation in West Africa. Dr. Grootaert was one of the founders of the Living Standards Measurement Study, which created a worldwide system for the collection of poverty data.

While living in Hawai‘i, Dr. Grootaert gained a lifelong appreciation for Hawaiian culture, history, and music. In gratitude for the outstanding education that he received at the University of Hawai‘i, and in his desire to advance the interests of Native Hawaiian people, Dr. Grootaert established the Chris Grootaert scholarship endowment in perpetuity. The scholarship reflects his belief that economic leadership and knowledge is an integral part of the empowerment of the Native Hawaiian community.

The Grootaert scholarship endowment is established in perpetuity to support students of Hawaiian ancestry in the study of economics. A maximum amount of $1000 per student may be awarded.

Scholarship recipients must be full-time undergraduate students majoring in economics, with preference given to Native Hawaiian students. Academic merit (minimum 3.0 GPA) and financial need will be considered in the review of candidates.

Application Process
Please contact Gary Kikuchi (gkikuchi@hawaii.edu), the Undergraduate Economics Advisor, if you believe you qualify. Applications will be considered before April 15, 2008.