The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa welcomes applications from home-schooled students. We recognize the potential contributions that home-schoolers can make in the classroom and in student life on campus. However, to maintain a universal standard of achievement among our applicants, home-schooled students must meet commonly accepted requirements for secondary school coursework and academic performance.

1. College Preparatory Coursework: Home-schooled applicants must meet the same minimum high school credit and grade requirements expected of all students. If the home-schooled student completes his or her high school education under the umbrella of a diploma-granting organization, applicants must submit evidence of the coursework completed and the level of performance or achievement attained. Such organizations can usually issue an official transcript.

If the student is not connected with any such organization, and in the absence of conventional educational records, the only way the University can understand what the home-schooler has achieved is to have it explained clearly and without prejudice. Therefore, such students must submit a transcript-like statement including descriptions of all coursework completed, textbooks used, methods of teaching, and methods of evaluation and the resulting grades or structured assessments. GED results are also recommended as evidence of having completed a commonly accepted body of secondary school coursework.

2. Standardized Admission Testing: As curriculum content and grading standards vary from setting to setting, an applicant's secondary school performance is validated by standardized admission testing. All home-schooled applicants MUST take the ACT (American College Testing Program) and attain the minimum required scores required of all applicants. The ACT test is mandatory as it is a nationally normed achievement test.

3. Other Factors: As the University does not assume a parental or custodial relationship with its students, applicants must generally be seventeen years of age or older.

4. Recommendation Letter: A home-schooled applicant must provide a letter of recommendation from an academic professional other than the home-schooling teacher/parent. This letter should provide an objective assessment of the applicant's scholastic ability and potential for success in a socially diverse, interdependent, teaching/learning community.