



## **The Mike Otake Memorial Scholarship**

### Purpose

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial support to “post-traditional” students at Pacific Rim Christian University. The scholarship is established in memory of former student Mike Nobuo Otake.

Mike comes from a Christian family who fled Japan’s illegalization of Christianity. At six years old, he would stand with his Bible and pretend he was a preacher like his grandfather. At age ten, Mike’s love for Jesus took a turn when his grandmother died. He became angry with God for not saving his grandmother, turned from God, and became the “black sheep” of the family.

It wasn’t until 2005, at the age of sixty-two, that Mike returned to church. He rededicated his life to the Lord and got baptized. He served the Kingdom by volunteering in the bookstore, Bible studies, dance and drama ministry, and Prison Fellowship’s Angel Tree ministry. This also led Mike to Pacific Rim Christian University as a very post-traditional student (meaning, not going to college directly after high school). His training at PacRim helped him become a better man and his actions spoke more vividly than his words.

Mike is remembered for always rooting for the underdogs. Along with being fun-loving, he was able to connect with the hearts of others and he would say to them, “make sure you recalibrate your heart.” With the spirit of recalibration in one’s life, The Mike Otake Memorial Scholarship is created to help post-traditional students be encouraged in pursuing God, righteousness, and their higher calling.

### Eligibility

The applicant

- Must have a need for financial assistance
- Must be a post-traditional student at PacRim (who did not go to college right out of high school)
- Must be enrolled for 6+ semester hours in an Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree

### Selection Process

A maximum of \$4,000 may be awarded to students in a given academic year, disbursed across the Fall and Spring semesters. There may be a single recipient or multiple recipients. Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the PacRim Scholarship Committee and conclude with a final interview between the student and the generous donor. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

### Application Requirements

Pacific Rim Christian University must receive all the following materials by July 31:

1. A completed Application Form
2. Two Letters of Recommendation (ministry/character references, non-family member)
3. A 500-1000 word personal essay (include a heading, Font 12, Times New Roman) answering the following questions:
  - a. What was your most challenging experience and the lesson learned from that experience?
  - b. How did you grow because of that experience?
  - c. What was your most valuable blessing in your life?
  - d. How do you see yourself serving to advance God’s Kingdom?



## The Mike Otake Memorial Scholarship Application Form

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the following items are attached to this application:

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  - c. What was your most valuable blessing in your life?
  - d. How do you see yourself serving to advance God's Kingdom?
3. Documentation proving that you are post-traditional (i.e. a work resume, a cover letter, or a clear explanation in your personal essay)

Applicants' Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Submit all application materials in one email to [finaid@pacrim.edu](mailto:finaid@pacrim.edu) or mail them to Pacific Rim Christian University, ATTN: Scholarship Committee, 2223 Ho'one'e Place, Honolulu, HI 96819*