Jira Scholarship Committee Report

Submitted by Holly J. Hudson

1. Committee Members
   1. Holly Hudson (chair)
   2. Graham Stephenson
   3. Stacey Knight-Davis
   4. Jonna Peterson
   5. Natalie Bobrowska
   6. Betsy Sterner (ex-officio)
2. Current Report (September 2024-May 2025)
   1. Membership
      1. The Jira Scholarship Committee thanked Christine Weber and Eric Edwards for their service as they rolled off the committee for the 2025 scholarship cycle
      2. The Committee welcomed Natalie Bobrowska and Betsy Sterner
   2. The committee has met 5 times in preparation for the 2025 scholarship cycle. We have made very minor changes to the scholarship, mostly in clearing up content or any issues
      1. We will continue to provide scholarships in the amount of 5,000. One thousand will be paid out in September and the remaining 4,000 will be allocated once the winner fulfills their chosen scholarship requirement.
   3. Surveys
      1. The Committee administered a survey to board and to the Jira winners to gauge satisfaction and solicit feedback
         1. Fairly low participation and overall strong satisfaction with our changes to last year led us to stay the course with our scholarship program this year
         2. The chair of the Committee also received ad-hoc feedback from various HSLI members expressing satisfaction with the current scholarship structure
   4. Awardees
      1. The Committee plans to keep the total scholarship amount and number of winners open this year and base it off of our applicant pool
         1. We will decide on how many scholarships we are disbursing after we receive the judging rubrics later this summer
   5. Board Action
      1. None at this time, although we will need Board approval to move funds once we decide on the total number of winners in August