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2021-2022

'O Ka'ū Kākou

Scholarship

Application



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Aloha Scholarship Applicant,

'O Ka'ū Kākou (OKK) is proud to sponsor educational scholarships for the school year 2021-2022 . Scholarships will be offered to high school or home-schooled graduating seniors and to undergraduate college students.

Applicants must reside in the district of Ka'ū, or if attending an out-of-state college, applicant must be claimed as a dependent whose parent or legal guardian's principal residence remains in the district of Ka'ū.

Instructions, guidelines, and information regarding eligibility, selection criteria, and the application process are detailed on the two-page cover sheets of the *Application for Scholarship*. Please read and thoroughly complete the application as requested to ensure timely submission for consideration. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Deadline is **March 15, 2021**. Application and all supporting documents **must be postmarked** on or before the deadline. Late submissions will not be considered.

If you received a scholarship for the previous school year and have not sent a mahalo letter to OKK as requested in your award letter, then your application may not be considered for funding.

Should you have questions please contact **Nadine Ebert at (808) 938-5124**.

Pomaika'i,

OKK Scholarship Committee



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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDELINES

- You must use the official 2020-2021 'O Ka'ū Kākou application.
- Application must be dated and signed by you and your parent(s) or legal guardian.
- Typed applications are preferred; however, neatly printed and legible applications are acceptable.
- Applications and all supporting documents must be in English.
- All applications will remain confidential and become the property of 'O Ka'ū Kākou and will not be returned to you.
- Applications and all supporting documents must be postmarked by **March 15, 2021**.
- Late submissions will not be considered.
- Points will be deducted if segments are not completed as instructed.
- If you have already received a scholarship from 'O Ka'ū Kākou, please see the instructions for "Repeat Application".

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be a current high or home school senior or full-time college student in good standing.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen residing in the district of Ka'ū, or out-of-state college student whose principal residence is in Ka'ū.
- Applicant must attend a two or four year accredited college program as a full-time student in the 2020-2021 school year.

COMPLETED APPLICATION

- Your application must be submitted in a folder with inside pockets and clasps.
- Everything, except items* in sealed envelopes, should be three-hole punched and placed in the clasps of the folder.
- The completed application package must include the application, essay, transcript, test scores and exhibits.
- *Confidential Counselors Report and Parental Financial Information. Should be in signed, sealed envelopes.

EMPLOYMENT

- List jobs held from January 1, 2019, until date of application.
- List approximate total hours worked, not average hours per week.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- List community service performed January 1, 2019, until date of application.
- List approximate total hours served, not average hours per week.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- List awards received during grades 9 through 12. Complete segment as instructed on page seven (7).

LEADERSHIP AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Complete this section as instructed on page seven (7).

ESSAY

- Using the prompts provided on page 7, write an essay of no more than 500 words.
- The essay must be typed, dated and signed.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- Parent(s), complete the financial information section based on your most recent IRS 1040.
- Must be a signed copy of page with line 37 included.

PARENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION



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INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDELINES (CONT.)

COUNSELOR REPORT

- This report must be completed by your high school guidance counselor or appropriate school official.
- The report form and school profile (if available) must be secured in a sealed envelope and included with the application.

TRANSCRIPT & SAT/ACT SCORES

- Include an official, current high school/college transcript of student grades.
- Transcript may be a photocopy of an original that bears the signature of the proper school authority.
- The transcript must include seventh semester classes but not grades.
- Either the SAT or the ACT must be taken before December 31, 2019.
- Test scores must be included in the application, but may be photocopies or printed from SAT and/or ACT websites.
- The SAT essay score will not be taken into consideration.
- It is not necessary to send a separate sheet of test scores if they are included on your transcript.

HOME SCHOOLING

- Home-schooled students are eligible to apply for the scholarship. However, all aspects of the application must be filled out completely.
- When possible, a third party should complete the Counselor's Report for the applicant.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Undergraduate students are eligible to apply for the scholarship. However, all aspects of the application must be filled out completely.
- When possible, a third party should complete the Counselor's Report for the applicant.

EXHIBITS (OPTIONAL)

- Exhibits are optional supplemental material.
- Attach up to 10 pages of exhibits of achievement in scholarship, leadership, athletics, community services or other activities.
- Activities may be double-sided.
- We emphasize quality of activities over quantity.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Incomplete applications or late submittals will not be considered for funding.
- Academic achievement--grade point average, college prep courses.
- Financial need.
- Community service and volunteer work.
- References.
- Letters of recommendation.

SCHOLARSHIP GRANT OFFERS

- All scholarships will be paid by the semester.
- Scholarships will be paid to student after proof of registration.
- Scholarships apply to full-time students.

REPEAT APPLICATION

If you have received a scholarship from O Ka'ū Kākou, you can submit a shortened application. Please submit the following:

- Application Form/Personal Information.
- Essay.
- Work experience and community service in 2019.
- Honors and awards received in 2019.
- Official, current transcript of grades.



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APPLICATION FORM PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Last

First

Middle initial

Mailing Address _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address (optional) _____

Phone (____) _____ Gender Male Female US Citizen Yes No

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
Month Day Year City, State or Country

Name and Location of High School _____

Name of college or university planning to attend _____

Address of college or university _____

List other scholarships you have applied for _____

List undergraduate scholarships from last year _____

Do you plan to be employed during the school year? _____

Please read this carefully before signing below

I have answered all the questions on this application to the best of my ability. I, also understand that in order to receive my scholarship funds I must provide the 'O Ka'ū Kākou treasurer with a formal "verification of enrollment" form before any funds will be released. I understand that the financial aid office will not receive any funds until I am officially enrolled and attending classes at my school.

SIGNATURES

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Legal Guardians signature _____ Date _____



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GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS

Describe briefly your goals, and aspirations and why you wish to pursue them. (Use extra paper if necessary). You may submit any additional information that will assist in making a proper evaluation. This may include written, photographic or other material that you feel relates to your educational background.

WORK EXPERIENCE

List jobs you have held from **January 1, 2020, until date of application**. Start with the most recent and include work on a family farm or for a family business, even if you are not paid. If necessary, attach a separate sheet to this section. List approximate total hours worked, not average hours per week. Complete this section even if you plan to attach an activity sheet or resume.

Specific Nature of Work Total Hours	Employer	Approximate Dates of Employment
<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>

GRAND TOTAL HOURS WORKED=

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The objective of the 'O Ka'ū Kākou organization is to take an active interest in the civic, economic, social health and moral welfare of our community and its people and to support cultural programs of benefit to them and the community.

Are you a member or related to a member of 'O Ka'ū Kākou?

List community service or volunteer work you performed from **January 1, 2020, until date of application**. starting with the most recent. If necessary, attach a separate sheet to this section. List approximate total hours worked, not average hours per week. Complete this section even if you plan to attach an activity sheet or resume.

GRAND TOTAL HOURS WORKED=

HONORS AND AWARDS

List scholastic, extracurricular, and civic honors and awards received during grades 9 through 12. Select the year received, state the nature of award and select the level of recognition. **Please do not abbreviate names of awards**, as we may not understand their meanings. Include a brief description of each award on a separate sheet of paper. Feel free to explain, in



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25 words or less, the purpose of the award and why you received it. **Complete this section even if you plan to attach an activity sheet or resume.**

Honors and Awards Recognition	Grade level at Time of			
	9	10	11	12
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

LEADERSHIP AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List your **principal** leadership roles and extracurricular activities **in the order of importance to you**. State the name of the organization, years involved, hours-per-week commitment, leadership role responsibilities held in that role. Complete this section even if you plan to attach an activity sheet or resume.

Activity	Grade Level				Hours/week	Position Held/Honors Received/Letters Earned
	9	10	11	12		
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
4. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
5. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, you must submit a typed essay of no more than 500 words. **Using one of the community service or leadership activities you prioritized as being important to you, describe what impact the experience had on you, what you contributed, what you learned about yourself, and how it influenced your plans for the future. What are your future plans to use your degree to improve life in Ka'ū?** The essay must be dated and signed.

PARENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION-(CONFIDENTIAL)

Parent(s)/Guardian: Complete the financial information section based on your most recent IRS 1040. Place the financial report in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal.

Father's Name _____ Age _____
 Occupation _____
 Fathers Name/Legal Guardian _____



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Mother's Name _____ Age _____

Occupation _____

Fathers Name/Legal Guardian _____

Parent or legal guardians signature _____

- Number of people in family, not including parents, who will receive the majority of parental support between September 1, 2020, and August 31, 2021. Include dependent children and others, e.g. dependent grandparent, living in household who receive more than half their support from parents.
- Name and age of dependents _____
- Number of dependent children, including applicant, as defined above, attending college during academic year 2021-2022 on a full-time basis. _____
- Based on line 37 of your most recent IRS 1040, indicate the custodial parent(s)' adjusted gross income. You will receive 0 points in this section if this information is not completed. Round the adjusted gross income to the nearest \$100.

If you have extenuating financial or family circumstances, please explain in 200 words or less on an attached sheet of paper.

REFERENCES AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

List four (4) persons other than a relative (i.e.: counselor, teacher, clergy, etc.) who have known you long enough to confirm your personal qualities and academic abilities. Two (2) letters of recommendation must be mailed separately to 'O Ka'ū Kākou.

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

Telephone/Cell _____

Telephone/Cell _____

Position _____

Position _____

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

Telephone/Cell _____

Telephone/Cell _____

Position _____

Position _____

COUNSELOR REPORT

Applicant: Fill out your name and give this page to your counselor or appropriate school official. This section can be completed by your counselor before you are finished with the application, but must be in a sealed envelope and signed across the seal.

Student Name _____

Last	First	Middle Initial

Counselor: This form will be used to verify the student's academic status, so be sure to provide accurate information. Please include a copy of your school profile if available, and answer all of the following questions, even if the information is included in the profile. A school profile is a document describing your school's demographics and course offerings. If your school has policy of not ranking students, provide information to help us identify promising applicants. **Please secure these items in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal, and give to the student to include in the application package.**

This applicant's grade point average (A=4.0) _____ (required) The highest GPA in the graduating class? _____ (required)



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Is the GPA based on weighted grades? Yes No

Class rank: The applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____. How many have this rank? _____

How many rank above? _____ is the rank based on weighted grades? Yes No

If exact rank is not available, indicate rank to the nearest 10th from the top _____

Applicant's **highest** test scores (**required**): ACT _____ /Date taken _____

SAT Critical Reading __ Math _____ /Date(s) taken _____

Are honors courses available? Yes No Has the applicant taken honors courses? Yes No

If yes, in which subjects has the applicant taken honors courses? _____

Are Advanced Placement courses available? Yes No

Has the applicant taken Advanced Placement courses? Yes No

If yes, in which subjects has the applicant taken Advanced Placement courses? _____

How would you describe this applicant's academic program compared with that of the other students applying for scholarships?

Below Average Average Above Average Rigorous Most Rigorous

Is there a community service requirement to graduate? Yes No If yes, how many hours? _____

Has the applicant ever been suspended or dismissed from school? Yes No

If yes, please explain the circumstances. _____

Name (please print): _____ Position _____ School Phone _____

School Email _____ Length of time acquainted with applicant _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Place completed Counselors Report in envelope and sign across the seal.