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## 2024 GROVE FARM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### Application Criteria

#### General Guidelines

The Grove Farm Foundation offers merit-based scholarships to students attending a four-year university or college. Scholarships, valid for up to four years, are awarded annually before the fall term. Applications are reviewed by each high school's Scholarship Screening Committee and then forwarded to the Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee for final selection. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. **Application deadline is March 15, 2024.**

The focus of the Grove Farm Foundation Scholarship Program is to recognize academic excellence, citizenship, quality of character, and community service.

#### Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to apply for the Grove Farm Foundation Scholarship, applicants must: (1) Be a Hawaii state resident; (2) Graduate from one of Kauai's three public high schools (Kapaa High, Kauai High, or Waimea High); (3) Earn a minimum GPA of 3.0; and (4) Enroll in and/or be accepted by an accredited four-year college or university.

Once awarded, Grove Farm Scholars need not reapply annually; however, they must provide documentation of the following to remain eligible for subsequent installments:

1. A minimum of 30 hours of certified community service with a registered non-profit organization.
2. Copy of their official college transcript.
3. Proof of continuing full-time enrollment for the year which the installment will be paid.

#### Area of Study

All majors or courses of study will be considered.

#### Scholarship Amount

Scholarship award guidelines allow for \$5,000 per year for a four-year college/university. A cap of \$20,000 total per recipient, regardless of institution, has been established.

The initial installment of \$5,000 will be presented at an awards reception the summer after graduation. Thereafter, recipients will be awarded \$5,000 each Fall, provided they meet the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for submitting the required documentation noted above in the Eligibility Requirements section.



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### Scholarship Awards

Scholarship awards are intended to be applied towards tuition, fees, books, supplies and/or equipment required for the courses at the educational institution.

### Application Requirements

1. Completed Grove Farm Foundation Scholarship Program Application
2. Certified copy of high school transcript
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Copy of Official SAT or ACT College Board scores
5. Copy of letter of acceptance from college or university applicant will attend, or statement explaining acceptance
6. Personal statement covering educational objectives, career goals, past and current extracurricular activities/community involvement, and how this scholarship will help applicant reach goals (limit of two pages)
7. Resume (limit of one page)

*\*Note:* Application packages must be received by the respective counseling office no later than the application deadline noted above. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be reviewed, and interviews will be required of scholarship finalists.

### High School Scholarship Screening Committee

Each high school will appoint a Scholarship Screening Committee to complete the initial application review. The Screening Committee will ensure applications are complete and comply with all eligibility requirements before scoring each application based on the selection criteria below.

High schools will select their top three qualified candidates for further review by the Grove Farm Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee.

### Grove Farm Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee

The Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee will include at least one Grove Farm Company Foundation representative, one Department of Education member, and four individuals representing various community interests (four members at large).

A list of finalists with name, school and/or family relationship will be provided to Selection Committee members prior to review of applications to identify potential conflict of interest issues. A Selection Committee member who works directly with an applicant's immediate family member and/or is related to an applicant will be expected to excuse him or herself from consideration of that application.



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It is not the intention to unduly restrict Selection Committee participation. Casual knowledge of an applicant (e.g. knowing an applicant because they live in the same community and/or know similar people) is not sufficient to warrant their exclusion from review and/or discussion of that application.

The Grove Farm Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee shall meet at least once annually to review and select Grove Farm Scholars as well as to review the application, eligibility requirements, and screening/selection criteria and processes.

### **Selection Criteria**

Applications will be scored as follows:

- 40% Citizenship, Volunteerism, & Community Service Activities
- 30% Academic Achievements
- 10% Education & Career Goals
- 10% Extra-Curricular Activities
- 10% Interview

### **Application Deadlines and Award Dates:**

It is the intent of the Grove Farm Scholarship Committee to maximize the assistance provided by making financial awards as early as possible in the college/university school year.

#### **Initial Scholarship Award – Application deadline: March 15, 2024**

\*Awardees will be notified by May 15, 2024.

#### **Recurring Scholarship Awards – Eligibility Documentation deadline: August 1<sup>st</sup>**

\*Awards will be sent to schools by October 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Miscellaneous Information**

Grove Farm reserves the right to use the name and/or photograph of scholarship award recipients in promotional materials designed to increase awareness of the Grove Farm Foundation Scholarship Program.

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