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2026 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 Grove Farm Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee for final selection. Late or incomplete applications will not be reviewed. **Application deadline to your respective high school is February 20, 2026.**

The focus of the Grove Farm Foundation Scholarship Program is to recognize academic excellence, a commitment to helping the community, and the quality of an applicant's character and leadership.

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. 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 or university. A cap of \$20,000 total per recipient, regardless of institution, has been established.

Recipients will be awarded \$5,000 each fall. For Recurring Scholarship Awards, recipients must meet the August 1st 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, 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 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 Scholarship 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 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% Academic Achievement
- 40% Community Service and Extra-Curricular Activities
- 20% Interview (including consideration of Personal Statement and Letters of Recommendation)

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: February 20, 2026

*Awardees will be notified by May 1, 2026.

Recurring Scholarship Awards – Eligibility Documentation deadline: August 1st

*Awards will be sent to schools by August 31st

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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