



## **2017 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. Each scholarship is valid for up to four years and the scholarship grant is awarded once during the year before the fall term. Applications are reviewed by each high school's scholarship committee and then forwarded to the Foundation Board of Directors for final selection. Applications that are not complete will not be reviewed. **Application deadline is February 28, 2017.**

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

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicant must be a Hawaii state resident and must graduate from one of Kauai's three public high schools (Kapaa High, Kauai High or Waimea High).

Applicant must be enrolled in or be accepted by an accredited 4-year college or university in order to receive his/her scholarship award.

Once awarded, each Grove Farm Scholar need not reapply annually; however a recommended 25 hours of community service, with a minimum of 10 hours of community service, must be completed each year in order to remain eligible to receive the subsequent awards. A Grove Farm Scholar will need to submit proof of continuing enrollment for the school year as well as the dates and times of his/her community service.

Each scholarship recipient must enroll as a full time student during the college or university year for which the scholarship is granted.

### **Area of Study**

Any major or course 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.

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The first scholarship of \$5,000 will be awarded in the second semester of the awardee's senior year of high school. Thereafter, the recipient will receive \$5,000 in the Fall of each year, providing he/she meets the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for submitting college transcripts and documented proof of 10 hours of volunteer service.

## **Scholarship Awards**

Scholarship awards are 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 Form;
2. Proof of a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0;
3. Two letters of recommendation;
4. Transcripts (photocopy of official transcript is acceptable) and SAT or ACT College Board scores;
5. Copy of letter of acceptance from college or university applicant will attend, or statement explaining acceptance;
6. Brief statement stating 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);
8. Application and required materials must be received by the respective counseling office no later than February 28<sup>th</sup>; and
9. Interviews will be required of scholarship finalists

## **High School – Level Scholarship Screening Committee**

The school's community council or appointed scholarship screening committee will be utilized to oversee the initial application review. The high school screening committee will determine that each application submission is complete and complies with all eligibility requirements before using Grove Farm's "Selection Criteria Matrix" to evaluate each application.

Each high school will be able to nominate up to three qualified candidates for further review to the Grove Farm Foundation Scholarship Screening Committee.

## **Grove Farm Foundation Scholarship Screening Committee**

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

A list of applicants with name, school or family relationship will be provided to Screening Committee members prior to review of applications to establish potential conflict of interest issues. Any Screening Committee member who works directly with an applicant's immediate family member, or is related to an applicant will be expected to excuse him or herself from

consideration of that application. It is not the intention of the Scholarship Committee to unduly restrict Screening Committee participation. Casual knowledge of an applicant (e.g. knowing who an applicant is 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 Screening 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**

Scholarships will be based on personal motivation, educational and career goals, and extracurricular activities, as well as consider the overall quality of the application.

Personal interviews will also influence the final selection of Grove Farm Scholars.

### **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 28, 2017**  
with award(s) made by May 31<sup>st</sup>

**Recurring Scholarship Award – Information deadline August 1<sup>st</sup>**  
with award(s) made 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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