



## Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club Post-Secondary Scholarship Information School Year 2025 - 2026

### OVERVIEW

Although a college education is by no means the single key to the enlightened Aloha 'Āina leadership of our community, we recognize the value that such an education can provide in this wā huliau. As a consequence, the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club has offered, since its earliest days, a post-secondary scholarship program for its members, families, and community at large. These are need-based scholarships given to students who show promise of acquiring, whatever their field of study, the 'ano 'ōpū ali'i, the leader-servant mindset, that is so necessary to our lāhui's well-being.

### THREE SCHOLARSHIPS

We do our best to offer three scholarships a year of \$1000 each, the actual amounts depend on the success of our annual Poi & Pāpale Scholarship Fundraiser. These scholarships are named in honor of club members who have been instrumental in establishing, rebuilding, and motivating the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club in its 70 years of existence. The **Māhoe-Trask Scholarship** i mea e ho'ohano ai i nā inoa 'o Louis Māhoe lāua 'o James Trask, the founder and first president of KHCC. The **Charles Rose Family Scholarship** i mea e ho'ohano ai i ka inoa 'o Charles Rose, the president instrumental in establishing the club's curatorship of Ulupō Heiau. The **Clara and Doc Burrows Scholarship**, i mea e ho'ohano ai i nā inoa 'o Clara lāua 'o Charles Borrows, the recently named hulu kūpuna of our club whose years of dedication to Kawainui inspire us to press on with equal, fearless determination.

### CRITERIA

Scholarship applicants must be enrolled as part-time or full-time students in any Associate, Baccalaureate, Masters, or Doctorate degree program offered by an accredited university or college in Hawai'i. If it is of vital importance that the applicant attend a school outside of Hawai'i, a letter of explanation is required for a possible waiver of this requirement.

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- are of Hawaiian or part-Hawaiian ancestry.
- are members in good-standing of the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club, or who are 'ohana to KHCC members in good standing.

Additional consideration will be given to applicants who:

- have participated in community service work at Ulupō.
- are engaged in Hawaiian cultural activities
- submit the required scholarship essay entirely, or in part, in 'ōlelo Hawai'i.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Scholarship recipients will be awarded 50% of their scholarship during the fall semester. The remaining 50% will be awarded in the spring semester after post-selection commitments are met. Post-selection commitments are actions/activities that all awardees must complete before they receive the last half of their scholarship. These commitments are:

- proof of second semester enrollment (photocopy of class schedule with your name and student i.d. number).
- a brief presentation at a Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club General Membership Meeting regarding your academic progress and use of scholarship funds.
- 8 hours of community service at Ulupō or the iwi kupuna burial preserves of Kailua. Hours can be earned at our KHCC iwi kupuna workdays; at the second Saturday community workdays sponsored by Kauluakalana; or by special arrangement with Kaleo Wong of Kauluakalana or Kīhei de Silva of Kailua Kau a Ho’oilo.

## **APPLICANT CHECKLIST**

- \_\_\_\_\_ A photocopy of your birth certificate or other documentation of Hawaiian ancestry.
- \_\_\_\_\_ KHCC Academic Scholarship Application Form.
- \_\_\_\_\_ KHCC Academic Scholarship Essay.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of enrollment: either a photocopy of your letter of acceptance to an academic program or a photocopy of your fall semester class schedule that includes your name and student ID number.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A photocopy of your most recent transcript.
- \_\_\_\_\_ One letter of recommendation.

## **MAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Complete all forms, attach the required documents, and mail to:

Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club  
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
P.O. Box 1123  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

Your application must be postmarked no later than September 15, 2025.



**Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club  
Post-Secondary Scholarship Application Form  
School Year 2025 - 2026**

*E ala e nā mamo e ola nā pua*  
Arise, O descendants, so that your children will thrive

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Current Status: New undergraduate; Returning undergraduate; Graduate student

Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Sought \_\_\_\_\_

**SHORT ANSWERS**

Are you a current, paid member of the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club?

Are you 'ohana of a current, paid member (or members) of KHCC? If yes, please provide name(s) and relationship(s).

Have you participated in community service activities at Ulupō? If yes, please provide some details.

Although we espouse the Hawaiian value of “ha‘aha‘a / mai kaena,” please list briefly your activities, experiences, and accomplishments in Hawaiian culture.

### ESSAY

You have a maximum of two pages to respond thoughtfully to the following two-part question. Please submit this essay in a standard 12 point font (Times Roman, Helvetica, Arial) in 1.5 or double-space formatting. Give it a title. Print it out, staple it together, and include it with your application.

#### **Who are you and why is this scholarship important to you?**

Special consideration will be given to essays written in ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i. All of it, or part of it. This is not a test of fluency in the language, but it is a possible indicator of your commitment or exposure to our culture. You may, if you want, indicate your current level of ‘ōlelo education (for example, “I have just completed Hawaiian 202 at UH Mānoa”).

### LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please provide one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, kumu hula, pastor, mentor, or other adult with whom you are closely associated. Ask this person to begin your letter with an explanation of your relationship and its duration. Ask this person to then explain how it is that you show promise of acquiring the ‘ano ‘ōpū ali‘i, the leader-servant mindset, that we think is so necessary to our lāhui’s well-being. Briefly put, an ‘ōpū ali‘i is a leader whose character is defined by humility, kindness, and care; one who gets right into the lo‘i and works side by side with his/her people.

### DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND AGREEMENT

By signing below, I hereby verify that:

- All of the information provided here is true and accurate.
- I understand the terms of agreement listed in the post-selection commitments section. If I receive the scholarship and do not fulfill my commitments, I will not receive the remainder of my scholarship.
- If I do not attend or drop out of the academic program outlined in my application, I will return all awarded scholarship funds within 30 days of the end of the academic term.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

(A parent's signature is necessary if the applicant is under 18 years of age.)

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KHCC Contact Person:

Kīhei de Silva, Chair  
Scholarship Committee  
[desilvak009@gmail.com](mailto:desilvak009@gmail.com)