



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS®

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP SERVICES (FASS)

2025-2026 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE KIPONA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- Recipient must reapply for a scholarship award each year and meet all eligibility requirements. Only completed applications by the deadline will be considered.
- To meet program eligibility requirements at a non-entry grade level, the applicant must be designated as having a renewal status. (Renewal status is defined as acceptance and disbursement of award in the previous school year.)
- The award is determined annually and is based on the family's financial need and recognized tuition costs of the private school that the recipient will attend. Participating private schools are identified on the Kamehameha Schools (KS) KS Kaiāulu [website](#).
- KS may request the submission of a completed IRS Transcript of Tax Form as determined to verify applicant's financial data.
- The award is non-transferable to another grade, student, school year or KS program/enrollment and reflects the maximum annual amount that the recipient is eligible to receive from KS.
- Award amount and Terms and Conditions may change from year-to-year and the amount is subject to the availability of funds.
- Failure to meet the Terms and Conditions may cause the recipient to be disqualified for consideration under the program in subsequent years.
- Acceptance of the award indicates that the recipient is not receiving any financial assistance from another KS-funded scholarship or program. Failure to meet this condition may result in immediate suspension and/or termination of the award and/or demand for repayment.
- Award preference is given to applicants of Hawaiian ancestry to the extent permitted by law.
- Any lawsuit or claim against KS must be brought exclusively in the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai'i or in the state courts of the State of Hawai'i. Any federal claims shall be governed exclusively by the federal law applied by the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai'i, and any state law claims shall be governed exclusively by the laws of the State of Hawai'i, without reference to its conflict of law rules.

2. USE OF FUNDS

- The award must be used for program tuition at a participating Kipona school. If the recipient does not enroll in the school identified on the award letter, the award may be used for the recipient at another participating school.
- The initial award amount stated in the award letter is the maximum award amount a student can receive at the school listed on the award letter and will not increase but may decrease depending upon verification of actual tuition cost from the school.
- Individual awards do not cover the full cost of tuition. Families are responsible for any outstanding balance(s) for deposits, tuition, fees, meals, and/or other costs.
- If the award amount is greater than the tuition charged by the private school, the award will be recalculated, and the difference shall be returned to KS.
- The award can be used for distance learning, so long as the school provides active instruction.

- The award cannot be used to reserve a seat at the school. Recipient must attend school physically or virtually.

3. AWARD DISBURSEMENT – DISTRIBUTION OF AWARD

- The disbursement check is made payable and sent directly to the private school on behalf of the Kipona recipient.
- Disbursement will be initiated after:
 - Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) agree to the award and Terms and Conditions by accepting the award in FACTS.
 - Verification of enrollment, grade level, and tuition cost is received directly from the private school. Enrollment date is defined as the first day the recipient is physically or virtually present at the private school.
 - If applicable, verification that all requirements for previously awarded school years have been met including completion of requirements for previous years of Kipona and Pauahi Keiki Scholars programs.
 - If applicable, the submission of any outstanding documentation required to deem application complete.
- Disbursements will begin in July 2025 or when all requirements have been met, whichever is later.
- Final award disbursement(s) for the 2025-2026 award year will not be made after May 31, 2026. Any payments delayed because of failure to complete School Collaborator or parent requirements will not be paid after May 31st. All unpaid charges incurred are the responsibility of the Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s).

4. MINIMUM FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

Families are expected to contribute a minimum annual amount of \$100 toward their Kipona recipient’s tuition which is already reflected in your award.

5. RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Recipient must fulfill all requirements of the participating private school for progression into the next grade level. Failure to progress to the next grade level in the successive school year will result in the recipient’s ineligibility for all future Kipona scholarship years.
- Recipient must fulfill any assessment and/or testing requirements as notified by KS as part of the program. Failure to fulfill any assessment and/or testing requirement will result in ineligibility for all future Kipona scholarship years.
- Failure to fulfill the Terms and Conditions in this document may result in the recipient becoming ineligible for an award disbursement in the next school year (2026-2027).

6. HO’OULU KAIĀULU SERVICE ACTIVITY HOURS

Total No. of Completed Ho’oulu Kaiāulu Service Hours

Parent(s)/Legal guardian(s) of **each Kipona recipient, or the recipient themselves** are required to perform community service during the scholarship award year, from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The minimum amount of service hours is based on your child(ren)’s grade level:

Grade Range	Service Hours Required
Grades 5	15 Service Hours
Grades 6-12	20 Service Hours

If you have more than one awarded child, you must complete Ho'oulu Kaiāulu hours for each awarded child. For example, if you have 2 awarded children – one in grade 5 and one in grade 7:

Grade 5 (15 hours) + Grade 7 (20 hours) = minimum 35 hours to be performed

Please be mindful of the following criteria relating to the performance of service hours:

- Parent(s)/Legal guardian(s) cannot use the same service hours for more than one awarded child.
- Hours must be completed within the current scholarship year.
- Hours must be performed with a non-profit organization or with your child's school.
- Hours cannot benefit a KS student, staff, or program.
- Hours cannot benefit political campaigns, programs, or parties.
- Any E kōkua kākou hours completed must be unpaid.
- Hours are self-reported. Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) are responsible for completing and submitting the Ho'oulu Kaiāulu Report on the Award Requirements page on the FACTS website by July 15, 2026.

Categories

- 'IKE/NOHONA (Hawaiian knowledge and culture)
Activities that give families the opportunity to strengthen their Hawaiian identity, language, culture and practices:
Examples include:
 - *Volunteering to clear invasive species from a fishpond*
 - *Harvesting and cleaning kalo at a lo'i kalo*
 - *Completing a Hawaiian language or history course*
 - *Attending a seminar or lecture series on topics related to Native Hawaiian knowledge and contemporary issues such as 'ai pono, Native Hawaiian filmmaking, etc.*
- PAPA HANA (Workshops and classes)
Activities that foster personal growth and incorporate newfound knowledge into daily life.
Examples include:
 - *Completing a "decolonizing your diet" workshop series*
 - *Taking a money management/budgeting workshop*
 - *Completing a computer literacy course*
 - *Joining other families at a parenting skills workshop*
- E KŌKUA KĀKOU (Community service)
Activities that you complete with non-profit organizations that offer you the opportunity to lead by example for your 'ohana and community.
Examples include:
 - *Volunteering at a community event promoting/celebrating Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, Lā Kū'oko'a, or other commemorative Native Hawaiian events.*
 - *Participating in Native Hawaiian community issues and activism*
 - *Serving food to homeless families with a non-profit organization*
 - *Leading an activity for kūpuna at a senior living and/or activity center*

Note: 'Ohana are encouraged to perform service within their own community for an organization that benefits Native Hawaiian, indigenous, or under-served population. We invite all participating families to sign-up at KS Kaiāulu (www.kaiaulu.ksbe.edu) for information and ideas on ways your 'ohana can fulfill

its Ho'oulu Kaiāulu Activity Hours. KS Kaiāulu refers to KS' constellation of community partners and programs that grow and inspire Native Hawaiian learners in communities across the pae 'āina.

7. USE OF RECIPIENT'S NAME OR LIKENESS

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) understand that Kamehameha may take, record, use, and publish electronic or digital images and/or photographs, video, audio, and/or digital recordings of the Recipient ("Materials") and consent to Kamehameha's use of the Materials without restriction or compensation, in any manner and for any purpose Kamehameha deems appropriate. Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) waive any rights to approve the Materials and understand that Kamehameha is not obligated to use or provide to them any of the electronic or digital images and/or photographs, video, audio, and/or digital recordings taken of the Recipient.

8. CHANGES IN CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) agree to update Financial Aid and Scholarship Services (FASS) in writing of any changes in address, phone number(s), and/or email address within 30 days of noted change. Send an email to us at: ksrc@ksbe.edu

9. TRANSFERS

During Current School Year

- Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) may transfer their recipient to another participating Kipona private school as long as the initial disbursement has not been made.
- KS reserves the right to revise the amount of the award based on the recognized cost of the new private school. Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) will be notified in writing of revised award amount.
- Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) must notify FASS in writing before the award transfer can be made.
- The Kipona Scholarship cannot be transferred/utilized at a Kamehameha Schools Campus.
- Disbursement to the new private school will not be made until KS confirms the enrollment and grade level. See also additional requirements in 3. AWARD DISBURSEMENT section.
- Charges and fees, including late payment charges, which result from a transfer either to the new private school or from the original private school, is the responsibility of the family.

For Subsequent School Year(s)

- Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) may transfer their recipient to another participating Kipona private school at any time prior to the next school year's application deadline date.
- Award amounts may differ each year. See also 1. GENERAL INFORMATION.

10. REPAYMENT

- KS reserves the right to request repayment of awarded funds or cancel/suspend an award if KS determines that the Kipona recipient's Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) has not met the Terms and Conditions of the award, has provided fraudulent information, or if KS receives information after initial awarding that affects award determination or calculation.
- Repayment must be made in full before any additional funds will be disbursed or to restore the recipient's eligibility for a subsequent year or participation in any KS program.