

HMSA Sponsorship

1. What is the HMSA Kaimana Awards & Scholarship Program?

The program recognizes and awards high schools and their students for all-around excellence and their commitment to well-being through achievements in academics, athletics, community service, healthy activities, and sportsmanship.

This is the 16th year of the program, which HMSA and the Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) launched during the 2005–06 school year.

2. What's included in the program?

Typically, there are two parts of the Kaimana Awards & Scholarship Program:

- a. HMSA Kaimana Awards for schools.
- b. HMSA Kaimana Scholarships for students.

However, because of the public health emergency's impact, there will be no school awards this year.



HMSA Kaimana Scholarships

3. What can I use an HMSA Kaimana Scholarship for?

This is a general education scholarship that can be used for tuition, room and board, airfare to and from the airport closest to the school, laptop or desktop computers, or books for education after high school.

4. How many scholarships are awarded?

For the 2020-21 school year, up to 15 scholarships will be awarded to seniors in each of the five leagues.

Scholarships will be awarded as follows:

LEAGUE	NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS
Big Island Interscholastic Federation	2
Interscholastic League of Honolulu	4
Kauai Interscholastic Federation	2
Maui Interscholastic League	2
Oahu Interscholastic Association	5

5. How much is each scholarship worth?

Each scholarship is worth \$5,000.

6. What are the criteria for applying for an HMSA Kaimana Scholarship?

You must:

- Be a high school senior graduating from a Hawaii high school in 2021.
- Have a passing grade-point average verified by an **official school transcript** that's submitted with your application.
- Submit recommendations from two faculty members, coaches, or mentors from your school that detail your dedication and determination, academic performance, and personal character.
- Submit a brief essay and personal statement.

Participation in a league-recognized sport and community service projects aren't required, but please be sure to complete those sections on the application.

7. How are scholarship recipients selected?

Applications are screened and a committee of business and community leaders select the recipients.

8. When do I find out if I won?

Scholarship recipients will be notified by email in April 2021.

9. When is the deadline to apply?

Completed applications, essays, and letters of recommendation must be emailed to kaimana@hmsa.com by Friday, Feb. 26, 2021.

10. How to submit your Kaimana Scholarship Application

Submit your application and supporting documents via email to kaimana@hmsa.com.

Here are the required components of a complete application:

1. Application
2. Personal statement
3. Essay
4. Official transcript
5. Two letters of recommendation

You may also submit supplementary documents (e.g., if you need more space for your application, want to share a resume, award, etc.).



To ensure that we keep your application and supporting documents together, please name them as follows:

APPLICATION COMPONENT	NAMING CONVENTION	EXAMPLE
Application	LastName_FirstName_ Application	Pobre_Erica_Application
Personal statement	LastName_FirstName_ PersonalStatement	Pobre_Erica_PersonalStatement
Essay	LastName_FirstName_Essay	Pobre_Erica_Essay
Transcript	LastName_FirstName_Transcript	Pobre_Erica_Transcript
Letters of Recommendation (two)	LastName_FirstName_LOR_01 LastName_FirstName_LOR_02	Pobre_Erica_LOR_01 Pobre_Erica_LOR_02
Additional supplementary documents	LastName_FirstName_ ApplicationSupplement	Pobre_Erica_ ApplicationSupplement

If you're combining documents and submitting them as one document, please name it as follows:

APPLICATION COMPONENT	NAMING CONVENTION	EXAMPLE
All pieces in one document	LastName_FirstName_ FullApplication	Pobre_Erica_FullApplication

Email documents to kaimana@hmsa.com. Kaimana scholarship application documents can be submitted from different entities, but please make sure they're named correctly. For example, it's OK for you to send your application, personal statement, and essay while your letters of recommendation come from those who write them and your transcript comes from your school counselor.

- Please be sure that documents or emails are less than 25MB each because our email system will reject anything larger. If you need to send multiple emails, please do so.
- Don't send links to file sharing services like Google Drive or Dropbox as we're unable to open them.
- Don't include sensitive information like your Social Security number. If this kind of information appears on any documents, please black it out.
- We'll send you a confirmation email when all pieces have been received.

If you have questions, email kaimana@hmsa.com or contact Erica Pobre at 948-5782 on Oahu.

11. Where can I get an application?

You can find it on HMSA's website (hmsa.com/kaimana) and the HHSAA's website (sportshigh.com).

12. Will I receive a check if I win?

Yes. You'll get a check from HMSA after you request reimbursement for eligible educational expenses. Scholarship funds must be used by June 30, 2022.

13. Are there any other conditions regarding the scholarship?

Yes. If you plan to continue your athletic career in college, the scholarship is subject to NCAA rules and regulations. Check with your college athletic department's compliance office to verify your eligibility to use the Kaimana Scholarship.

