

ROTARY CLUB OF KONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

For Any Full-Time Student

at the Hawaii Community College – Palamanui (West Hawaii)

This scholarship is for individuals presently or planning on being enrolled at Hawaii Community College-Palamanui, who are working toward their Associate Degree or Associate of Applied Science Degree. High school students and current HCC-Palamanui students are encouraged to apply. The student must have maintained a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 in the most recently completed semester. This scholarship program is administered without regard to race, creed, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, ancestry, national origin or disability.

This scholarship award is \$2,000 over four (4) semesters (\$500 per semester) at Hawaii Community College-Palamanui. Scholarship funds may be used for any educational expenses such as tuition, fees, books, and supplies. Scholarship funds are non-transferable and will be paid directly to Hawaii Community College-Palamanui in the recipient's name.

Recipients must take a minimum of 12 credits each semester and must maintain a grade-point average of 2.5 to remain qualified.

Selection Criteria (in no particular order):

- A. Financial Need – Please address how you intend to fund your future schooling.
- B. Plans for post education employment or continuing education.
- C. Current or planned employment / internship.
- D. Academic Achievement.

Application Procedure:

1. Submit completed form.
2. Write a brief statement (no more than 300 words – double spaced and 11 point font or larger) responding to the selection criteria above.
3. Submit one (1) recommendation letter from a current high school teacher or faculty member or Hawaii Community College-Palamanui campus staff.
4. Submit one (1) recommendation letter from a member of your community (not another student or family member).
5. Attach a copy of your STAR Academic Progress report if current Hawaii Community College-Palamanui student.
6. Completed application should be sent to the address below via U.S. Mail and post-marked no later than **April 20, 2026** to the address below. Finalists will be contacted for an interview.

Mail to: **ROTARY CLUB OF KONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**
Community Foundation Scholarship Review Committee
PO Box 3570
Kailua-Kona, HI 96745

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To be completed by the Student Applicant:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different): _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Birthdate: _____

Name of High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Name of College/University, Vocational School you plan on attending: _____

Have you been accepted? Yes No

Financial Aid Data To be completed by the Applicant:

Name and Address of Employer (if any): _____

Position/Title: _____ Number of Years: _____ Gross Annual Income _____

Nature of Business: _____

Other Sources of Income (please describe sources and amounts): _____

I swear that the above information and the attached essay are, to the best of my knowledge, truthful and factual.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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RECOMMENDATION LETTER

Name of Applicant: _____

Proposed Area of Study: _____

1. How well, how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. In your opinion, how firm is the applicant’s commitment to his/her proposed field of study?

3. In comparison with other students whom you have known at a comparable age, how would you rate the applicant in the following areas? If you are unable to evaluate in an area, please leave it blank.

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____
Initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____
Enthusiasm	_____	_____	_____	_____
Adaptability	_____	_____	_____	_____
Maturity	_____	_____	_____	_____
Emotional Stability	_____	_____	_____	_____
Public Speaking	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seriousness of Purpose	_____	_____	_____	_____

4. In your judgement, how critical is the scholarship to the applicant? _____

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