Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Scholarship Program
Apps Due by February 1, 2027

Thank you for considering applying for the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF) scholarship. HRYF is a non-profit charitable corporation founded in 1976. Its main objective is to provide scholarships for Hawaii youth to further their education after high school. Scholarship funds are provided from Rotarians, investments, gifts, individual donors, and interest from the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Grant. Each participating Hawaii District 5000 Rotary Club selects a deserving high school student to receive a scholarship to a 4-year college or university in Hawaii or on the U.S. Mainland to earn a baccalaureate degree.

Scholarship Awards: For the 2026-2027 year, each participating Rotary Club will select a student to receive a $5,000 scholarship (as noted on the attached List of Rotary Club Contacts). From those students selected by the Rotary Clubs, an HRYF committee then selects one student attending a mainland university to receive a $10,000 Maurice J. Sullivan scholarship and another student attending a university in Hawaii to receive the $10,000 Joanna L. Sullivan scholarship. These two scholarships will be awarded instead of the $5,000 awarded by the individual Club.

The HRYF and Weinberg Scholarship programs are administered without regard to race, creed, color, age, religion, sex, national origin or physical disability. **This award is non-transferable, applied to costs for tuition, room and board and for the first year of school.** Funds are mailed directly to the school of choice and cannot be deferred for future use. No student can receive more than one scholarship from the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation.

NOTE: This scholarship may affect your overall financial aid package. Please consult your college financial aid office.

Eligibility criteria:

1. Applicant must be a 2027 graduating Hawaii high school senior, graduating from an accredited Hawaii high school who will be attending, as a full- time student, an accredited 4-year college or university in Hawaii or on the U.S. Mainland to earn a baccalaureate degree. A full-time student is defined as taking a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours per semester or equivalent.
2. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen and a legal resident of Hawaii prior to submittal of application.

Ineligibility criteria:

1. Anyone receiving a scholarship that covers all of your college expenses.
2. Anyone attending a college or university outside the United States.
3. Anyone entering a U.S. Military Service Academy.
4. Active Rotarians or anyone that has left a Rotary Club within the last calendar year, or their spouse, parent, children, grandchildren, stepchildren, step grandchildren, brother or sister.

Instructions for Application:

1. The complete Application packet must be received by the selected participating Rotary Club Representative on or before February 1, 2027. The complete Scholarship Application package includes all required documents listed on the checklist on the application, excluding the Recommendation forms, if sent separately.
2. Submit the completed application to only ONE participating Rotary Club, located near where you live or where you attend high school. Refer to the List of Rotary Club Contacts – List attached. Do not send applications to the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation office.
3. Request 2 individuals who have known you for more than 2 years to complete the Recommendations for the Scholarship form. One should be from a person who is your teacher or faculty member, and the other from an adult member of the community. Submit the Recommendations with your application or have the individual send the Recommendation directly to the Rotary Club you indicated on the form.
4. Complete and sign the Scholarship Application Form and send the Application package to your selected Rotary Club by email or mail. Do not send applications to Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation's office.
5. Please ensure you get a confirmation from the Rotary Club representative that your application was received.
6. You will be notified by your selected Rotary Club to participate in an in-person or electronic interview at a specified date and time.
7. The one student that is selected by the participating Rotary Club to receive the $5,000 scholarship will need to participate in a second interview with an Area Selection Committee at a specified time. Selections by the Area Selection Committee will be invited to participate in a third interview at a specified time.
8. Scholarship awardees will be notified in writing by the HRYF Office early April.

HRYF Contact Information for Inquiries:

(send applications to Rotary Club of your choice)

Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation:
Phone: 808-735-1073 (M-F 8:30am-5:00pm) or
Email: office@hawaiirotaryyouthfoundation.org.

HRYF Scholarship Chair List 2026-2027 (Neighbor Island)

CLUBS	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY & ZIP CODE	PHONE NO.	EMAIL ADDRESS
Hawaii East					
Hilo	Mitchell Dodo	199 Wainaku Street	Hilo, HI 96720	808-987-3235	mitchell@dodomortuary.com
Hilo Bay	Kim Keahiolalo	1552 Maunakai St	Hilo, HI 96720	808-333-6635	Keahiolalokim@gmail.com
South Hilo	Keith Marrack	275 Ponahawai St, Suite 106	Hilo, HI 96720	808-895-9793	kmarrack@gmail.com
Volcano	Alida M. Gandy	PO Box 38	HI Natl Park, HI 96718	808-230-1562	alida608@gmail.com
Hawaii West					
Kona	Janice Gustin	75-252 Nani Kailua Dr. #10	Kailua-Kona, HI 96740	808 345 8956	jnjgustin@outlook.com
Kona Mauka	Gary Rovelstad	81-1011 A Kakou Pl	Kealakekua, HI 96750	205-915-9429	rgrkonamauka@gmail.com
Kona Sunrise	Vern Lowrey	PO Box 2343	Kailua-Kona, HI 96745	573-465-2874	nvlowrey@gmail.com
North Hawaii	Agnes Carlos	PO Box 384809	Waikoloa, HI 96738	808-333-2545	acarlos@calwater.com
Kauai					
Hanalei Bay	Debraha Phillips	1684B Huli Road	Kilauea, HI 96754	310-666-5698	deborah15267@yahoo.com
Kapaa	Stan Greenbaum	PO Box 1603	Kapaa, HI 96746	203-512-6200	sgreenbaum@uchicago.edu
Kauai	Mikal Moranz	PO Box 3911	Lihue, HI 96766	808-651-7176	mikal.moranz@gmail.com
Poipu Beach	Cyrus Tumbaga	P O Box 797	Kalaheo, HI 96741	808-647-0417	cyrus.tumbaga@gmail.com
West Kauai	Adam Jaramillo	P O Box 729	Waimea, HI 96796	808-652-4042	adam.w.jaramillo@gmail.com
Maui Valley					
Maui	Elaine Slavinsky	327 Makia Place	Makawao, HI 96768	808-276-7366	elaineslav@aol.com
Upcountry Maui	Kit Okazaki	81 Makawao Ave #105	Makawao, HI 96768	808-268-2287	kit@sfmaui.com
Wailuku	Ronelle Esty	1023 Makamua St	Wailuku, HI 96793	808-276-6047	nelles96784@yahoo.com
Kahului	Joel Rand	3225 Pikai Way	Kihei, HI. 96753	808-283-5635	joel.s.rand@gmail.com
Maui Coastal					
Kihei-Wailea	James Fritch	2310 Umeke Circle	Kihei, HI 96753	808-250-7577	jhfritch@hotmail.com
Lahaina Sunrise	Paul Ratternan	700 Kai Hele Ku St.	Lahaina, HI 96761	808-250-4162	poulo@yahoo.com
Lahaina Sunset	Joanne Laird	101 Kanani Road, #229	Kihei, HI 96753	808-757-0981	mamalrd01@gmail.com
Lahaina	Joe Pluta	P O Box 10454	Lahaina, HI 96761	808-283-4533	64jpluta@gmail.com

2026-2027 HRYF Scholarship Application
Form Application Due Date: February 1, 2027

Applicant Data
Submit your completed Scholarship Application package to only one (1) Rotary Club where you live or where you attend high school to sponsor your application (refer to the List of Rotary Club Contacts). The completed application must be received by the Rotary Club by the deadline – February 1, 2027. Applications that have not been approved and submitted to a Hawaii District 5000 Rotary Club by the above deadline will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made.

Please ensure that all items on the checklist accompany this completed application. Please sign and Save a copy for your records.

This form can be filled out electronically and emailed or scanned to the selected Rotary Club.

First Name | *Last Name* | *M.I.*

Date of Birth *Mo.* *Day* *Year* | Male ☐ Female ☐ No Disclosure ☐ | *Last 4 digits of Soc. Security No.*

Mailing Address *Street/PO* | *City* | HI | *Zip*

Student's Cell Phone No. | *Alternate Phone Number* | *Personal Email Address*

High School Graduating From | ***Graduation Date***

GPA | ***SAI***

List College/University you plan to attend (1st, 2nd, 3rd choice)	*"x" if accepted*
1st	☐
2nd	☐
3rd	☐

Application Checklist of REQUIRED Information (Please try to submit everything as 1 document):
☐ Application is complete and signed by the applicant
☐ Signed Letter of Recommendation by an unrelated current Faculty Member is attached or emailed directly to the selected Rotary Club.
☐ Signed letter of Recommendation by an unrelated Community Member who has known the application for over 2 years is attached or emailed directly to the selected Rotary Club.

☐ Copy of High School Transcript with grades through Fall 2026
☐ Copy of the FAFSA Submission Summary form or Student Award Index (SAI) or CSS profile.
☐ Resume **&** a Personal Statement (See below)

DO NOT SEND TEST SCORES

Resume/Personal Statement: Each should be a maximum of one-page, 10 point font or higher.
Resume should include: Yearly participation and leadership roles in high school and work experience(if applicable)
Personal Statement should include: (1) Intended field of study, goals and aspirations, (2) Include a recent photo of yourself.

Financial Aid Data

Father/Legal Guardian	Mother/Legal Guardian
Name:	Name:
Home Address:	Home Address:
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:
Home Phone:	Home Phone:
Employer:	Employer:
Emp. Address:	Emp. Address:
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:
Emp. Phone:	Emp. Phone:
Nature of Business:	Nature of Business:
Current Position:	Current Position:
Years with Employer:	Years with Employer:

How many siblings living with parents/guardians:	
How many dependents on parents tax return:	
How many siblings attending college	
How many siblings attending private school	

Public School ☐

I certify that:

☐ I am a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Hawaii.

☐ I am a 2027 Hawaii high school senior graduating from an accredited Hawaii high school.

☐ I will be attending a 4-year college or university in Hawaii or on the U.S. mainland to earn a baccalaureate degree with minimum of twelve (12) credit hours per semester.

☐ I will notify HRYF and the sponsoring Rotary Club if I receive a scholarship covering all college expenses. Ineligible criteria includes receiving a full ride scholarship or anyone that has left a Rotary Club in the last calendar year.

☐ I am not an Active Rotarian of a Hawaii District 5000 Rotary Club, nor an Active D5000 Rotarian's spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, stepchild, grandchild, stepgrandchild.

☐ I am not a candidate for a U.S. Military Service Academy.

Signature:

I hereby authorize the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Scholarship Committee to release information relative to this application and related photos and/or videos for publicity purposes. I have read the criteria for application above and verify it is true and correct. I also understand that should I be granted this scholarship, I will attend such Rotary functions as may be deemed necessary by the President of the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation or sponsoring Rotary Club.

Applicant Signature_____ **Date**_____

This application is being submitted to the Rotary Club of _____

Note to Applicant: *Fill out the portion with your name and which Rotary Club you want this Recommendation to be sent to if sent separately. Form is fillable with MSWord. Refer to the List of Rotary Clubs in the Application Packet*

Recommendation for Scholarship
From the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation

The applicant listed below must submit two recommendations for the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Scholarship. Please return this completed form to the applicant to send in with his/her scholarship application. If you wish to submit this Recommendation privately, please send the completed form to the Hawaii Rotary Club that the applicant has listed below. Complete Application must be received by February 1, 2027.

If you prefer to send a written recommendation, please use a separate page listing answers to the questions listed below.

Name of Applicant

First	Last
Applying to Rotary Club Listed Above	Email of Scholarship Chair
School/Institution	
Name of Person Making This Recommendation	Title

I am a (check one) ☐ present faculty member or ☐ member of the community that has known this applicant for more than 2 years.

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

2. How firm is the applicant's commitment to his/her proposed field of study if known.

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

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average
Leadership	☐	☐	☐	☐
Initiative	☐	☐	☐	☐
Public Speaking	☐	☐	☐	☐
Enthusiasm	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adaptability	☐	☐	☐	☐
Maturity	☐	☐	☐	☐
Emotional Stability	☐	☐	☐	☐

4. Please cite some specific examples of how, in your association with the applicant, he/she has demonstrated the above qualities.

Signed:_____ Date:_____
If emailed, print name as a signature