

Kapaia Foundation Scholarship 2026

Introduction

The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize the dreams of our forefathers for the success of their descendants. We wish to instill in young people an appreciation for the rich history of the Sugar Plantation era In Hawaii. The sugar plantation laborer's work ethic set the foundation for success enjoyed by their children, grandchildren and generations thereafter.

Kapaia Foundation is pleased to offer a \$1000.00 scholarship to a student graduating from a public or private high school on Kaua'i, who demonstrates qualities passed on from our forefathers: hard work, perseverance and a positive attitude.

Eligibility

3.0 + GPA

Accepted or applying to a higher education program. Funds will be distributed after final acceptance and enrollment is confirmed.

Consideration will be given to:

- Descendant of sugar plantation era (1852-1965) immigrants
- High School graduate residing in Kapaia, Hanama'ulu or Lihu'e
- High School graduate whose ancestor lived in Kapaia, Hanama'ulu or Lihu'e
- High School graduate whose ancestor worked for Lihu'e Plantation Company

Please place a check mark in front of any of the above 4 that applies to you. Note:

Consideration does not mean required, so as long as you're eligible, continue with the application!

Hint: Follow directions carefully! An incomplete application will not be considered. You are welcome to contact Kapaia Foundation if you have any questions.

Application is evaluated on a 1-10 point system. Make your answers count!

Kapaia Foundation Scholarship Application

Please complete all sections of the application. The deadline for submission is April 15, 2026.

SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:	Date of Birth:
Father's /Guardian's Name:	Mother's/Guardian's Name:
Address:	
Cell Phone:	Home Phone:
Email address:	
Parent Email address:	

SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of High School:

GPA: _____

High School Rank: _____ out of _____

SAT/ACT Scores: _____ If N/A, state reason why _____

Name of higher education institution you plan to attend: _____

Location of higher education institution you plan to attend: _____

Anticipated field of study: _____

SECTION 3 –ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

List and briefly describe your high school extracurricular activities (e.g. memberships in organizations, sports, etc.):

Organization Involved	Position Held	Date of Involvement

Brief description of your responsibilities:

List and briefly describe volunteer activities in which you have been involved:

Organization	Activity	Date of Involvement

Brief description of how you participated:

List honors or academic awards you have received (e.g. scholarly activities, research, etc.):

Award/Honor	Institution/Organization	Date

List and briefly describe any work experience:

Position	Employer	Dates of Employment

Brief description of your work responsibilities:

SECTION 4 – ESSAY

300+ words (Use additional sheet if necessary)

Anything pertaining to sugar plantation era in Hawaiian history. Ex: My ancestor's journey to Hawaii; Influence of immigration on my life; history of Kauai's sugar plantations; pidgin English; local foods, etc. Tip: Base your essay using the Introduction paragraph of this application form. Be informative, personal, thoughtful and creative!

Is there any other information that we should know about you? This is your opportunity to include information that is not contained in other areas of the application. Use this section to elaborate on any of the applicable preference points listed in the introduction. Clippings, photos etc. may be included, but will not be returned unless a written request is made with your application. (Use an additional sheet if necessary)

How did you find out about Kapaia Foundation and this scholarship? (Please specify from whom/what)

The statements and answers on this application (6 pages) are true and correct. I understand that misstatements in this scholarship application could cause my application to be denied. Furthermore, I agree and consent to the use of my name, photo, essay and other information for the purpose of promotion, advertising, recognition, historical preservation (essay only) and/or news releases to Kapaia Foundation without promise of favor or payment.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submitting your application

To be considered for the Kapaia Foundation scholarship, please submit the following:

1. Completed application form (6 pages).
2. 2 letters of recommendation postmarked no later than April 15, 2026. One must come from a teacher, principal or counselor. The other must be from a mentor, community member, pastor, employer, or coach.
3. Provide a recent photograph of yourself.
4. Provide official high school transcript.
5. ACT/SAT scores.

This application is due by (postmarked) April 15, 2026.

Return application to: Kapaia Foundation
4453 Laukini Rd.
Lihue, HI 96766

Please direct any questions to **Kapaia Foundation** kapaiafoundation@gmail.com; text or call 808 639-3606