



**WAIANAE COAST
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
Program Application Packet

2014



Congratulations!

By obtaining this program application packet, you are one step closer to translating your dreams into reality. The Waianae Coast Scholarship Fund (WCSF) is a one-of-a-kind scholarship that will guide students towards higher education through staff support, university-aligned program requirements, and merit-based fund accumulation.

Students admitted into this highly selective program will be placed on scholarship status with the WCSF for all four years of high school as long as they continue to meet the program requirements.

The WCSF Program emphasizes high academic performance, diverse extracurricular involvement, and continued service to the Waianae community. By demonstrating these core values of the scholarship, students will be simultaneously equipping themselves with the essential high school performance requirements necessary for university enrollment.

Unlike ordinary scholarships, this scholarship is not intended to be just a reward given to students after high school graduation. Rather, students are enrolled at the beginning of high school and are able to accumulate scholarship funds with sustained excellent performance. Fulfilling the program requirements assures that the student is fulfilling the criterion for a strong university application, increasing the probability of enrollment and continued success in higher-level education.

We look forward to partnering with students to ensure they are provided the guidance and financial means to achieve their dreams.

Sincerely,
WCSF Board of Directors



Application Overview

Interested students must submit a completed application to the **Waianae Intermediate Front Office** by **March, 12th, 2014** that includes:

- Completed application form
- Student Release Form
- 2 Completed Reference Forms (2 teachers)
- An official grade report for 7th and 8th grade
- Completed essay questions

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Please be sure to submit all components of the application together—either stapled or placed in an envelope. Applicants will be notified of enrollment by **April 7th, 2014**. **All admitted Waianae Scholars are expected to attend an induction/awards ceremony on Saturday, April 26th.**

Program Requirements Upon Enrollment

Upon acceptance as a Waianae Scholar, students must fulfill all minimum program requirements throughout their tenure at the high school. Failure to do so will result in a loss of the accumulated funds and a dismissal from the program. The minimum program requirements vary each semester depending on what students should be focusing on. For example, the first semester minimum requirements are outlined below:

Academic Requirements	Extracurricular Requirements	Community Service Requirements
Minimum GPA: 3.5	Participate in at least 1 extracurricular program	8 hours of community service

Accumulation of Funds

Throughout their four years of high school, Waianae Scholars will be eligible to accumulate funds to be used toward higher-level education. Receiving funds is contingent upon continuously meeting the minimum program requirements and graduating from high school. When a Waianae Scholar graduates, a contribution equal to the amount of accumulated funds will be distributed to the university that the student has selected to attend. **No funds will be provided to students before graduation.** Accumulated funds will only be provided directly to the university to be used for college tuition. If the Waianae Scholar does not continue on to higher education, the accumulated funds will be forfeited.



Waianae Scholars will be able to accumulate scholarship funds beginning their first semester of high school according to the rating that they receive on their semesterly **Performance Evaluation**. Students will be evaluated on how well they have met or exceeded the minimum performance requirements for a given semester. Fund accumulation is merit-based, and students earn more for higher ratings in each of the categories. The following table describes the guidelines for the **semesterly** funding rewards.

*Funding Metric	Satisfactory (Level 1 Funding)	Proficient (Level 2 Funding)	Exceeds Proficiency (Level 3 Funding)
Minimum Requirement Performance	Student meets all the minimum performance requirements in the current semester	Student exceeds the minimum performance requirements in the current semester	Awarded to maximally 5 students per semester who exceed the minimum requirements and are exceptional in a specific performance category (i.e. extracurricular involvement)

**The Board of Directors of the WCSF maintains the ultimate authority on the values of financial awards for each semester.*

**Award values are contingent upon funding and may be subject to change at the discretion of the WCSF directors*

Deductions

In addition to funds accumulation, all admitted Waianae scholars are subject to award deductions based on an admitted scholar's failure to uphold student responsibilities and the professional expectations of the program. These deductions will vary upon the severity and number of violations. Award deductions are displayed below, but not limited to:

Student Responsibility	Deduction Amount (\$15)	Deduction Amount (\$25)	Deduction Amount (\$50)	Examples
Submitting Requested Documents on Time	Student fails to meet a deadline for submitting a requested WCSF document.	Student fails to meet a deadline for the submitting a WCSF document by more than 1 week.	Student fails to submit a requested WCSF document, submits a document of poor quality, or submits a document with false verifications.	If a student did not submit their End of Semester Thank You Note until 3 days after the deadline, their scholarship balance would be reduced by \$15.



Attending WCSF Meetings or Events	Student fails to attend more than 2 mandatory WCSF meetings or events in a semester.	Student fails to attend more than 3 WCSF meetings or events in a semester.	Student fails to attend more than 4 of the WCSF meetings or events in a semester.	If a student fails to attend 2 WCSF lunch meetings and misses Scholarship Night, their scholarship balance would be reduced by \$15.
Responding to WCSF Communications	The WCSF has to make more than 1 attempt (email, phone call, etc.) to get a requested response from a student or parent.	The WCSF has to make more than 2 attempts (email, phone call, etc.) to get a requested response from a student or parent.	The WCSF has to make more than 3 attempts to get a requested response from a student or parent.	If a WCSF staff member has emailed a parent and left 2 voicemails on separate days before a call was returned, the scholarship balance would be reduced by \$25.

Probation and Program Removal

Failure to meet the minimum program requirements in a semester results in the Waianae Scholar being immediately placed on probationary status. Waianae Scholars on probationary status will be unable to accumulate funds until the following semester's requirements have been met. Any funds accumulated during the semester of which the Waianae Scholar did not meet all the program requirements will be forfeited. If a Waianae Scholar fails to remove him/herself from probationary status the following semester, they will be permanently removed from the program, resulting in a complete forfeiture of all accumulated funding.

The WCSF will evaluate behavioral concerns on a situational basis. The WCSF Board of Directors reserves the right to vote on the removal of a student from the program at any time. Any behavioral misconduct will be reviewed by the WCSF Board of Directors to determine a student's future eligibility with the program. Students enrolled in the program are expected to maintain appropriate conduct in accordance to the values and expectations of the WCSF in and out of school at all times. Failure to act accordingly can result in a loss of funds and a dismissal from the program.

Transfer Students

The WCSF program is designated specifically for students transferring from Waianae Intermediate to Waianae High School. Applicants must have completed one full year at Waianae Intermediate to be eligible for consideration. Currently, there are no open enrollment periods after the start of freshman year. Students may only apply during their second semester of eighth grade. Scholars who transfer to another school will still remain eligible to receive their accumulated balance of funds only when they enroll at their chosen university. They, however, cannot accumulate additional funds at their new high school.



Tracking of Students

Waianae Scholars will be required to meet with program mentors twice a month at Waianae High School during school hours. A WCSF staff mentor will conduct these meetings. At each meeting, each scholar's grades, extracurricular involvement, and community service hours are evaluated for progress. If there are progress concerns, WCSF staff will work with students to help them meet their semester requirements.

Contact Information

For application questions, donation inquiries, or further information use the information below:

Office: Waianae Coast Scholarship Fund
85-626 Farrington Highway
Waianae, HI 96792

Email: wcsf.directors@gmail.com

Website: <http://waianaeint.k12.hi.us/Parents/scholarship.html>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/waianaescholars



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Scholarship Program Admittance Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Last Name	First	M.I.	Date
Street Address		Apartment/Unit #	
City	State	ZIP	
Phone	E-mail Address		
Current Grade Level:	D.O.B:	Cumulative GPA:	
Current School:			
Gender: M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>			

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION	
Parent/Guardian #1	Parent/Guardian #2:
Phone #:	Phone #:
Email Address:	Email Address:
Address:	Address:
Occupation:	Occupation:
Highest Level of Education:	Highest Level of Education:

REFERENCE # 1 INFORMATION	
<i>Please list two teacher references.</i>	
Teacher #1:	Class:
Teacher #2:	Class:



AWARDS AND HONORS

In the lines below, please list all of the awards or honors that you have received in the last 2 years. If not clear in the award title, provide a brief description of the award. Also, list the approximate date the award was received.

Award/Honor #1	Date Received:
Award/Honor #2	Date Received:
Award/Honor #3	Date Received:
Award/Honor #4	Date Received:
Award/Honor #5	Date Received:

EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

In the lines below, please list all of the academic, athletic, or other extracurricular programs that you are involved with outside of the classroom. For each, please list your leadership status (President, Captain, Vice President, Member, etc.).

Organization #1	Position Held:
Organization #2	Position Held:
Organization #3	Position Held:
Organization #4	Position Held:
Organization #5	Position Held:

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In the space provided, describe at least 3 ways in which you have given back to your community. Be as specific as possible in regards to the details of your community service.



STUDENT DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to scholarship enrollment, I understand that any false or misleading information in my application may result in my release from the program and a complete forfeiture of funds.

I have read, understood, and agree to the conditions of the Waianae Coast Scholarship Fund program, including but not limited to the policies regarding the accumulation of funds, the program requirements, deductions, and all other program rules.

Applicant
Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENT DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

I have read, understood, and agree to the conditions of the Waianae Coast Scholarship Fund program, including but not limited to the policies regarding the accumulation of funds, the program requirements, deductions, and all other program requirements, rules and expectations. I understand that the Board of Directors of the WCSF maintains the ultimate authority on the values of financial awards for each semester.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____



Essay Questions

Please attach a typed set of responses to the following essay questions. Please ensure to use 12-pt, Times New Roman font, and double spacing.

Question 1: What are your goals, dreams, and aspirations in life? How will you use your education to help you achieve these goals?
(*Maximum 500 words*)

Question 2: The Waianae Coast Scholarship Fund values academic success, extracurricular involvement, and service to the Waianae community. Please describe how these values are important to you using specific examples from your life experiences.
(*Maximum 500 words*)



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Student Release Form

The Waianae Coast Scholarship Fund (WCSF) seeks to enroll high-performing 8th graders from Waianae Intermediate who will be attending Waianae High School. The program will guide, support, and track students from 9th - 12 grade, using a university-aligned set of program requirements, merit-based fund accumulation, long-term planning, and staff mentoring/support.

As part of our effort to offer opportunity to Waianae students, the Waianae Coast Scholarship Fund communicates with community partners and donors. These communications could feature your scholar's quotes, grades, picture, and/or videos. The Waianae Coast Scholarship Fund utilizes these valuable tools to inform community partners and donors of our scholars. We may also utilize these tools for publicity materials such as brochures, our website, invitations to Waianae Coast Scholarship Fund events, and to illustrate press articles on the Waianae Coast Scholarship Fund. Finally, we may share these quotes, grades, pictures, and/or videos with other educational organizations to demonstrate success on the Waianae Coast.

We are writing to respectfully request your permission to include your scholar as part of this project. If you agree to have your scholar's quotes, grades, pictures, and/or videos shared within our organization, with community partners, and donors, please sign this form and have your scholar return it with your completed application form. We sincerely thank you in advance for your attention, consideration, and cooperation. Please feel free to contact Kate Goedeker if you have any questions at any time, either via e-mail at wcsf.directors@gmail.com. We appreciate your support of the Waianae Coast Scholarship Fund.

I have read the above statement. I hereby give my consent to have my student's quotes, grades, pictures, and/or videos released to the Waianae Coast Scholarship Fund, community partners, and donors. I hereby grant Waianae Coast Scholarship Fund permission to utilize my scholar's image at anytime at Waianae Coast Scholarship Fund's discretion.

Printed Name of Scholar:

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian:

Signature of Scholar:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Date: _____