

Nā Ho'okama a Pauahi Scholarship Program  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. If I received a scholarship from KS in the past, but not in the most recent academic year, am I considered a new or renewal applicant?**

A new applicant.

**2. What would I be considered if I received a KS scholarship during the 2008-2009 academic year and am pursuing a progressive degree (bachelors to masters, master to doctorate, etc)?**

A new applicant. However, if progressing from associates to a bachelor's degree, you would be considered a renewal applicant.

**3. Do I need to reapply if I received a scholarship during the 2008-2009 Academic year?**

Yes. All students must reapply each year in order to be considered for an award. Your financial situation and eligibility must be assessed annually.

**4. Can I apply for more than one FASS scholarship program?**

Yes. Students may apply for more than one scholarship from FASS, but will be granted an award from only one program per academic year. Post-baccalaureate students applying for both Na<sup>-</sup> Ho'okama a Pauahi and 'Imi Na'auao scholarships and who qualify for both will be awarded the 'Imi Na'auao scholarship.

**5. How will my scholarship check be disbursed?**

Participating Hawai'i post-high institutions that accept master checks will receive checks made payable to the institution—your signature is not required for disbursement of funds. For Hawai'i institutions that do not accept master checks and for all mainland institutions, funds will be disbursed to the institution's financial aid or business offices. Your college may require you to sign for your scholarship. Please check with your school to see if your signature is needed.

**6. Do first-time applicants and high school seniors have to complete the 50 hours of community service required by the scholarship?**

No, applicants who did not receive a scholarship disbursement during the 2008–2009 academic year are not required to complete community service hours. However, if you are awarded a scholarship in 2009-2010, you will be required to perform community service from July 2009 - June 2010.

**7. If I am carrying less than 12 credits and receive funding, do I still need to complete the 50 hours of community service?**

Yes. If you received any amount of disbursed funds, you will be required to perform the 50 hours of community service.

**8. Can I submit a 2008 US Individual Income Tax Declaration for an IRS e-file Return (Form 8453) instead of a 2008 1040/1040A/1040EZ US Individual Tax Return to IDOC?**

Yes. Please be sure to submit your e-file return as well as your electronic signature page (Form 8453-0L)

**9. If amendments were made to my 2008 tax returns what should I do?**

Send a signed copy of your 2008 Federal 1040/1040A/1040EZ US income tax return to IDOC and the amended US individual tax return (Form 1040X) to the Applicant Services Center, Attn: FASS.

**10. If I am not required to file 2008 federal income taxes and/or can be claimed as a dependent on my parents' taxes, am I required to submit an IDOC non-tax filer statement?**

Yes. You and/or your parent(s) who are not required to file 2008 federal 1040/1040A/1040EZ US income tax returns, must submit the student and/or parent(s) IDOC non-tax filer statement to IDOC. The form can be downloaded at <https://idoc.collegeboard.com>.

**11. Can I submit a W-2CG in place of form W-2?**

No, the W-2CG is not acceptable. Submit 2008 W-2 or a W-2 transmittal from the Internal Revenue Service to IDOC.

**12. Can I claim myself as an independent student if I am under the age of 24?**

No (Refer to Glossary for the definition).

**13. Can I claim myself as an independent student if my parents don't claim me on their taxes?**

No (Refer to Glossary for the definition).

**14. What if I have a change in circumstance?**

Change in circumstances that occur on or before Wednesday, May 20, 2009 will be taken into consideration. Please contact the Applicant Services Center for more information.

**15. How do I request for reconsideration after receiving the notification letter? (i.e. change in my and/or my parent(s) financial situation, loss of job, birth of child, transfer to another school, etc.)**

Requests for reconsideration will be made on a case-by-case basis dependent on the circumstance and the timing of the occurrence. Reconsideration forms cannot be submitted until a notification letter is received. You have 30 calendar days from the date on the notification letter to submit a reconsideration form. This may delay the disbursement of funds to your institution. Go to [www.ksbe.edu/finaid](http://www.ksbe.edu/finaid) and click on **Reconsideration Form**.

**16. Is there a difference between applying for the Na<sup>o</sup> Ho'okama a Pauahi Scholarship Program and the scholarships available through Ke Ali'i Pauahi Foundation (KAPF)?**

Yes. The main difference is how the scholarships are funded. KS scholarships are funded annually through KS' budgeting process and are subject to the availability of funds. Ke Ali'i Pauahi Foundation administers merit- and need-based scholarships created by private donors who set additional criteria for the awards (i.e. the study of music or medicine). To learn more about KAPF, visit <http://www.pauahi.org>.

**17. I am a renewal applicant. When is the deadline to submit my official transcripts?**

Your official transcripts for each term awarded must be submitted within 30 days after the end of the term. Your fall official transcripts are required to disburse your 2009-2010 awards, if eligible.

**18. Will KS ever release my personal information to others?**

If you are 18 years and older, you must complete an Authorization for Release of Information form to give consent to the KS FASS office to release information and documents regarding your application to others, including parents and guardians