General Information

1. **Who do I contact if I am interested in receiving information regarding the scholarship programs?**
   Please contact the KS Applicant Services Center (KS-ASC) at (808) 534-8080 or toll free at 1-800-842-4682, and then press 2.

2. **Can I apply for more than one KS Financial Aid and Scholarship Services (FASS) post-high school scholarship program?**
   Yes. Students may apply for more than one scholarship from FASS, but may only be granted an award, if any, from one program per academic year. Graduate students who qualify, apply, and are awarded both Nā Ho‘okama a Pauahi and ‘Imi Na‘auao scholarships will be awarded the ‘Imi Na‘auao scholarship. An eligible application does not guarantee a scholarship award.

3. **Is there a difference between applying for the Nā Ho‘okama a Pauahi scholarship program and the scholarships available through Ke Ali‘i Pauahi Foundation (KAPF)?**
   Yes, the scholarships differ in how they 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 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 [www.pauahi.org](http://www.pauahi.org).

4. **Will I be able to receive funds from other KS-funded programs, either administered by KS or through a collaborator?**
   No, students cannot receive funds from more than one KS Program.

5. **Do I need to reapply if I received a scholarship during the 2014-2015 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.

6. **What is the difference between distance-learning and online programs?**
   Distance-learning and online is used interchangeably. FASS is interested in knowing if the applicant is enrolled in a distance-learning/online program where all courses are offered through a virtual learning environment.

7. **If I am enrolled in a vocational certificate program, do I meet the eligibility criteria?**
   No, you do not meet the eligibility criteria. Applicants must be classified as a degree seeking student (i.e. associates, bachelor, masters, doctoral, etc.); however, Alu Like administers the Hana Lima program that provides scholarship for vocational certificate programs. For more information visit Alu Like’s website at [www.alulike.org](http://www.alulike.org).

Application

1. **Is the $25.00 CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE® application fee refundable by KS?**
   No, KS does not refund the $25.00 CSS/PROFILE application fee. The application fee is payable to College Board.

2. **How can I authorize a designated person(s) to receive information regarding my application status?**
   In order to adhere to privacy laws, if you are 18 years and older and desire to share your application status with a designated person(s), you must complete an Authorization for Release of Information form (ARI). Submit the ARI form to KS ASC.
   For more information, visit: [http://apps.ksbe.edu/finaid/scholarships/na_hookama](http://apps.ksbe.edu/finaid/scholarships/na_hookama).
3. Is there a difference in the way my tax documents are processed by IDOC if I submit my 9-digit Social Security Number (SSN) vs. my last 4-digits of my SSN?
   All tax documentation submitted to IDOC are tracked by the applicant’s and parents’ 9-digit Social Security Number (SSN). While IDOC accepts documents listed with the last 4-digits of the SSN, these documents may cause a delay and affect the processing of your application.

4. Why am I considered a dependent even when I live on my own, and my parents do not support me or claim me as a dependent on their tax return?
   For KS scholarship purposes, applicants who can be defined as a dependent must submit their custodial parent(s’) financial documents. A dependent is defined as a student who is NOT one of the following:
   - Born after January 1, 1991 (under the age of 24)
   - A veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
   - In a Graduate or Professional Program
   - Married
   - An orphan or Ward of the Court until the age of 18
   - Have any legal dependent other than a spouse

5. What is Net Partner?
   Net Partner is an online communication tool where applicants can conveniently access and monitor their application status, document status, important messages, and other information from KS Financial Aid and Scholarship Services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

6. Why are applicants required to apply online through Net Partner?
   KS uses an electronic format of the Certification Statement to increase our efficiency in the handling of the required document submission.

7. Is there a fee to use Net Partner?
   No.

8. I did not apply (or was not awarded) for the 2014-2015 academic year, but I received a scholarship from Kamehameha Schools (KS) prior to the 2014-2015 academic year. Am I considered a new or renewal applicant?
   New applicant.

9. If I received a KS scholarship during the 2014-2015 academic year and will be pursuing a progressive degree (bachelors to masers, masters to doctorate, etc.), am I considered a new or renewal applicant?
   New applicant. However, if you are progressing from an associates to a bachelor’s degree, you would be considered a renewal applicant.

10. If I received a KS scholarship during the 2014-2015 academic year and will be pursuing a 2nd degree (bachelors to bachelors, bachelors to associates, masters to masters, etc.), am I considered a new or renewal applicant?
    New applicant.

For more information, visit: http://apps.ksbe.edu/finaid/scholarships/na_hookama.
Required Documents

1. **What is the Form 4506T?**
   The Form 4506T is an IRS form to request tax return information.

2. **Is the Form 4506T a required document to complete the application process?**
   Yes. The Form 4506T is a KS required document and must be sent to College Board (IDOC), postmarked by Monday, April 20, 2015. All applicants and parents (for dependents only) must submit this form. If the student/spouse or parents filed their income tax return separately, each person must complete and submit the form to IDOC. *If you are unmarried, yet live with your significant other and share a biological child, your significant other must submit a separate Form 4506T.*

3. **What is the Certification Statement?**
   The Certification Statement is a required document stating that the applicant and/or parent(s) is providing accurate information and failure to disclose any requested information, or providing inaccurate information, may result in the ineligibility of the application. It also states that the applicant and/or parent(s) agree if any lawsuit is filed, that it would be filed in the State of Hawaii or District of Hawaii.

4. **Is the Certification Statement a required document to complete the application process?**
   Yes. The Certification Statement is a KS required document and must be submitted electronically through the Net Partner Student Portal (Apply Online Tab). The document must be submitted by Monday, April 20, 2015. To access Net Partner, go to: https://webapp.ksbe.edu/NetPartnerStudent.

5. **If I am not required to file a federal income tax return and submitted a Non-Tax Filer Statement to IDOC, do I still need to submit the Form 4506T?**
   Yes. You and/or your parent(s) who are not required to file 2014 1040/1040A/1040EZ U.S. Income Tax Returns, must submit the student and/or parent(s) IDOC Non-Tax Filer Statement to College Board IDOC.

6. **If my family is currently receiving TANF, am I required to submit our current TANF statement?**
   Yes, current (within the past 6 months of today’s date) TANF statements must be sent to KS ASC postmarked by Monday, April 20, 2015.

7. **If I am not required to file 2014 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 2014 1040/1040A/1040EZ U.S. Income Tax Returns must submit the student and/or parent(s) IDOC Non-Tax Filer Statement to College Board IDOC.

8. **Can I submit a W-2CG in place of Form W-2?**
   No, the W-2CG is not acceptable. Submit 2014 W-2 form or a W-2 transmittal from the Internal Revenue Service to College Board IDOC.

9. **I am a renewal applicant. When is the deadline to submit my transcripts?**
   Renewal applicants must submit transcripts for each term awarded within 30 days after the end of the term.

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Community Service

1. Do first-time applicants and high school seniors have to complete the 50 hours community service required by the scholarship?
   No, applicants who did not receive a scholarship disbursement during the 2014-2015 academic year are not required to complete community service hours.

2. If I am awarded in 2015-2016 academic year, what is the period that I can perform my community service requirement?
   You will be asked to perform the community service(s) from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

3. If I am enrolled less than full-time and receive funding, do I still need to complete the 50 hours of community service?
   Yes, if you receive any amount of disbursed funds, you are required to perform the 50 hours of community service.

Awarding

1. How will my scholarship check be disbursed?
   Participating Hawaii 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.

2. If I change my enrollment status, will my original award amount change?
   If there is a change in enrollment status, the original award amount may decrease, but will not increase.

3. If I am confirmed as a non-traditional student and received an initial award based on part-time enrollment, will the award amount increase if I change to a full-time enrollment?
   No, the initial award amount will not increase.

4. What if I have a change in circumstance?
   Change in circumstances that occur on or before May 21, 2015 will be taken into consideration. Please contact KS-ASC at (808) 534-8080 or toll free 1-800-842-4682, then press 2 for more information.

5. 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 request 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.

6. What is the impact if I receive an award and decide to change the college I plan to attend?
   Depending on the cost of attendance, the award may result in a cancellation or an adjustment that is equal or less than the initial award.

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