



Kona Japanese Civic Association

*Heritage • Culture • Diversity*

One of the objectives of the Kona Japanese Civic Association is to preserve the unique legacy of the many contributions of persons of Japanese ancestry to the Kona community. It is also our objective to support cultural and educational programs that promote awareness of the Japanese culture. We hope that by offering these scholarships we bring awareness of the legacy of the Japanese in Kona.

Brief Description: We are offering two (2) \$1,500 scholarships to graduating seniors from high schools in West Hawaii who have been accepted at an accredited institution of higher learning, i.e., community college, college or university.

Purpose: The purpose of the scholarship is to support college bound students who wish to perpetuate and promote the Japanese culture.

Entry Format: Each applicant must complete and submit the Scholarship Application and an Essay about yourself, how the Japanese culture influenced your life here in Kona and your future plans.

The essay should be submitted on an 8 1/2" X 11" white paper and printed on one side. The essay must contain no more than 600 words. Please provide the original and five (5) additional copies of your essay. DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY. Each applicant must also submit a picture.

Submittal Deadline: The scholarship application and essay must be **postmarked by FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026**. Please mail applications to:

Michele Abe  
77-6581 Kuakini Hwy.  
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

Judging: Scholarship applications will be judged by a panel of educators and community leaders.

Interview: An interview may be scheduled.

Award: The scholarship may be presented at the Kona Japanese Civic Association Annual Festival, as well as at the Senior Awards Night at the recipients' high school by a member of the Kona Japanese Civic Association.