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2026 Scholarship Program Kula Ki‘eki‘e

Applicants Name: Kaheawai Sepulveda

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City: Haiku State: HI Zip: 96708

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ACAH Member Name: Ramana Sawyer Phone: (808) 463-1275

ACAH Member Company: Alaska Airlines/Hawaiian Airlines eMail: ramana.sawyer@alaskaair.com

Current High School Name: Kamehameha Schools Maui

Expected Graduation Date: 5/22 Grade Point Average as of December 31st: 3.77

<u>One a separate paper, please answer or list the following:</u>

1. High School Activities (Past to Present), including sports, clubs, social organizations, service organizations.
2. High School Scholastic Honors and/or Community Honors
3. Community Activities and Organizations.
4. Name of University/College, Trade School or Community College that you will be attending and start date.
5. Letter of recommendation (non-family members), Teachers, Coaches, Youth Leaders, Organization Leaders. Please provide two (2), Include Name, Address and Telephone.
6. Word Essay describing applicants career goals. Minimum of 300 words.

The information provided in this application and supporting material is true and accurate.
Any misrepresentation will result in a disqualification of the applicant for a scholarship.

Applicant Signature: Kaheawai Sepulveda Date: 3/25/26

Parent Name: Ramana Sawyer Date: 3/25/26

Parent Signature: Ramana Sawyer

Parent signature required for all applicants under the age of 18.

Application Deadline March 31, 2026

Aloha, my name is Kaheawai Sepulveda and this is my application for the 2026 Scholarship Program Kula Kiʻekiʻe Air Cargo. I have provided my resume and my sports resume that will have all my sports along with activities and community service. I also provided my transcript.

After I finish off my senior year at Kamehameha Schools Maui, I plan to attend UH Mānoa on Oʻahu in pursuit of a degree in finance and ʻōlelo Hawaiʻi. My passion for finance started my senior year. I had the privilege to take a financial literacy class at my school, which not many high schools in Hawaiʻi do. Which is silly to me given that many Hawaiians struggle financially.

So much so that more than half of the native Hawaiian population lives on the continent and a lot of that struggle comes from people not always having access to knowledge or resources that help people navigate things like money, housing, and opportunities. Learning this is what sparked my interest in finance. I'm also really passionate about our culture and culture loss which is why native Hawaiian displacement is so important to me. I plan to become an expert in finance and be able to help the families who struggle to stay on their ʻāina. I either want to become a financial advisor or I want to be a financial literacy teacher. Seeing how many schools do not have this class or the teachers to teach it really shocks me given how important the class is.

Out of all my 4 years of high school not one class can compare to my financial literacy class. It was the most valuable class I took and the one that I will carry with me and be able to help me in the future. I had the privilege that my school provided one of these classes and I believe that other students just like me should be given this opportunity so that when they graduate high school they have an understanding of dealing with money so that they can stay in connected to their ʻāina and culture in their home, Hawaiʻi.

Mahalo - Kaheawai Sepulveda

KAHEAWAI SEPULVEDA

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PROFILE

Aloha, my name is Kaheawai Sepulveda. I am born and raised on Maui. I currently live in Huelo. My parents are Nalanipo Sawyer and Louis Sepulveda. Im the second child of 6. My hobbies include of water polo, paddling, and hula. I dance hula for Hālau Keʻala Kahinano O Puna and paddle for Hawaiian canoe club. I started attending Kamehameha Schools Maui in the 6th grade. Next year I plan to go to Mānoa over on Oʻahu to study Finance with a minor in Hawaiian Language.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2022 - PRESENT

- **Twin Falls Maui,** Huelo, HI
- *Parking,* May 2022 - Now
- Provided customer service to visiting guest of Hoʻolawa valley

AWARDS, HONORS & LEADERSHIP

September 2022 - 2nd place Kū Mai Ka Hula
September 2023 - 2nd place Kū Mai Ka Hula
HCRA State Championship 14 girls, 2nd Place, Hilo, HI
August 2023
HCRA State Championship 15 girls, 2nd Place, Hilo, HI
August 2023
HCRA State Championship 15 girls, 1st Place, Oahu, HI
August 2024
HCRA State Championship 16 girls, 1st Place, Oahu, HI
August 2024
IVF Va'a World Club Sprint Championship 2024 - Hilo, Hawai'i
1000 m, 1st place
IVF Va'a World Club Sprint Championship 2024 - Hilo, Hawai'i
500m, 2nd place
2024- Na Wahine O Ke Kai World Championship Molokai to Oahu - Juniors
2nd place
May 2024 - 2nd Place MIL Water Polo Girls
May 2025 - 2nd place MIL Water Polo Girls
August 2025 - HCRA State Championship 16 girls, 1st Place, Maui, HI
August 2025 - HCRA State Championship 18 girls, 3rd Place, Maui, HI
2025- Na Wahine O Ke Kai World Championship Molokai to Oahu - Juniors
3rd place

EDUCATION

2013 - 2019
HAIKU ELEMENTRY SCHOOL

2019-2026

Kamehameha Schools - Maui, Pukalani, HI
High School Diploma, Expected May 2026

- Cumulative GPA: 3.7 (weighted)
- Principal's List: 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Relevant Coursework

SKILLS

- Project Management
- Public Relations
- Teamwork
- Time Management
- Leadership
- Effective Communication
- Critical Thinking

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Water polo clinic with Middle school, Kamehameha Schools, Maui, HI
- Teach beginner water polo players new skills
- Coach middle schoolers in being an excellent well rounded water polo player
- Uniform organize drive : Kamehameha Schools maui
- ʻAi Holo Kaukau Boxes Fundraiser
- Box up nutritious foods and provide for Maui families.
- Kahoʻolawe ; collecting rocks to build a mua : 4 days

Student Name			
Sepulveda, Kaheawai Leahi			
Student ID	Grade	Gender	Date of Birth
1158262	**12**	**F**	**05/13/2008**

Parent/Guardian
Ms. Nalanipo Sawyer
120 Ulalena Loop
Haiku, HI 96708-5750
(808)495-2657

Transcript

Enter Date: **08/02/2022**

Class of: 2026

School Name/Address
Maui UD
Office of the Principal
270 Aapueo Parkway
Pukalani, HI 96768
Tel:**(808)572-3100** Fax**(808)573-7250**

CRS ID	Course Title	Grade	Credits
Kamehameha Maui Upper Division Grd 09 12/2022			
MH01201	Algebra 1	A	0.500
MH09570	Hawaiian 1	A-	1.000
MH04285	Hula I	A	0.500
MH03204	Moomeheu Hawaii û Hwn Culture	A-	0.500
MH02214	Spanish 1	A	1.000
Credits Earned: 3.500			
Kamehameha Maui Upper Division Grd 09 05/2023			
MH01201	Algebra 1	A	0.500
MH01104	Biology	B	1.000
MH02133	English 9	B+	1.000
MH09637	Hana Noeau I	A	0.500
MH02232	Hawaiian 2	A-	1.000
MH09680	He Alii Ka Aina	A	0.500
Credits Earned: 4.500			
Kamehameha Maui Upper Division Grd 10 12/2023			
MH01109	Chems Chemistry	B+	1.000
MH02135	English 10	A-	0.500
MH01221	Geometry	A-	0.500
MH09637	Hana Noeau I	A	0.500
MH02235	Hawaiian 3	A-	1.000
MH08792	Sophomore Papa Kako'o S1	A	0.500
MH02402	Speech Comm	A-	1.000
Credits Earned: 5.000			
Kamehameha Maui Upper Division Grd 10 05/2024			
MH02135	English 10	A-	0.500
MH01221	Geometry	A-	0.500
MH02238	Hawaiian 4	A-	1.000
MH09680	He Alii Ka Aina	A	0.500
MH06251	Personal Health	A	0.500
MH06319	Physical Education II	A-	0.500
MH08796	Sophomore Papa Kako'o S2	A	0.500
MH03165	US History	A-	1.000
Credits Earned: 5.000			
Kamehameha Maui Upper Division Grd 11 12/2024			
MH08506	Alakai Lawelawe	A	0.500
MH01202	Algebra 2	A-	0.500
MH04286	Hula II	A	0.500
MH08793	Junior Papa Kako'o S1	P	1.000
MH08812	Papa Kukulu S1	B+	0.500
MH01166	Physics	B	1.000
MH03170	World History	B+	1.000
Credits Earned: 5.000			
Kamehameha Maui Upper Division Grd 11 05/2025			
MH01202	Algebra 2	A	0.500
MH02138	English 11	A	1.000
MH09670	Hana Noeau II	A	0.500
MH04286	Hula II	A	0.500
MH08797	Junior Papa Kako'o S2	P	1.000
MH08813	Papa Kukulu S2	A	0.500
MH06318	Physical Education I	A-	0.500
MH06320	Physical Education III	A	0.500
Credits Earned: 5.000			

In-Progress Courses

MH02106	DC Composition I (ENG100)	1.000
MH03152	DC Survey Psychology (PSY100)	1.000
MH05384	Financial Literacy	1.000

In-Progress Courses

MH02239	Hawaiian 5	1.000
MH04151	Intro to Digital Arts & Design	1.000
MH03202	Moaukala Hawaii - Hawn History	1.000
MH08814	Papa Alaka'i S1	0.500
MH08815	Papa Alaka'i S2	0.500
MH01243	PreCalculus w/Trig	1.000
MH08794	Senior Papa Kako'o	2.000

GPA Summary

Cumulative GPA (Weighted)	3.769
Cumulative GPA (Unweighted)	3.769

Comments:
Address included is based on the first initial address provided in IC.

UNOFFICIAL

Gmail

Kaheawai Sepulveda <kaheawai.sepulveda1@gmail.com>

Kaheawai, consider attending an Accepted Student Event!

1 message

UH Mānoa Office of Admissions <manoa.admissions@hawaii.edu> Tue, Jan 27, 2026 at 11:13 AM
To: kaheawai.sepulveda1@gmail.com



YOU'RE INVITED!

Congratulations Kaheawai!

We are excited for your next academic journey at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa! You and your family are invited to attend one of our upcoming in-person Accepted Student Events, created especially for students who have been accepted to UH Mānoa. Feel free to select an event that best fits your schedule and location.

These events are a great opportunity to:

- Connect with future classmates and UH Mānoa faculty and staff
- Learn more about academic programs, student life, and campus resourses
- Explore next steps toward enrollment
- Experience what it means to be part of the UH Mānoa 'ohana

Whether you're ready to commit or still exploring your options, we encourage you to join us and see why UH Mānoa is a special place to learn, grow, and thrive. These events have been extremely popular in the past so make sure to register now before spaces fill up.

Letter of Recommendation
January 10, 2026

Kumu Hula Joy Keopuolani Salvador
Kumu Hula
Hālau Keʻala Kahinano O Puna
116 Kaʻikaʻi St
Wailuku, HI
808-344-6452

Dear Selection Committee,

It is my pleasure to write in support of the application of **Kaheawai Sepulveda** for your scholarship award. I have been a Kumu Hula for decades and bring considerable experience to this recommendation. I have worked closely with Ms. Sepulveda for nearly five years as her Kumu Hula, and throughout that time she has consistently demonstrated the values .

As is evident from her nomination, Kaheawai has achieved many notable accomplishments. During her time in my hālau, she has been selected for our prestigious, award-winning competition line—an honor reserved for those who demonstrate excellence, discipline, and leadership. I will focus primarily on my direct experiences with her work ethic, commitment, and willingness to learn and contribute positively to our learning environment.

Kaheawai consistently shows up with the right attitude, pushing herself while uplifting her team—even while maintaining a demanding schedule. She fully commits her time and talents to every task and interacts with her peers, teachers, and leaders in a respectful and positive manner. Kaheawai is highly coachable, holds herself to a standard of excellence, and possesses a driven, winning spirit expressed with humility. You will never find her bragging or boasting; she is a humble champion who remains deeply grateful for the opportunities made available to her.

In addition, Kaheawai is a proud **Kanaka ʻŌiwi leader** who understands that aloha is the foundation of all things Hawaiʻi. She is clear about her kuleana to her people and her place. Kaheawai thrives in the ʻike of her kūpuna, whether on the stage, in the waʻa, or in the classroom. She has been raised with a strong connection to ʻāina—including the ocean—and understands her role as an example and steward for future generations.

In conclusion, I am more than happy to give Ms. Sepulveda my highest recommendation . Kaheawai will greatly benefit from this support as she continues on her path of upholding his legacy. In my experience, she will use this opportunity to uplift and advance our lāhui as a whole. If you have any additional questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Me ka haʻahaʻa,

Joy Salvador
Joy Keōpūolani Salvador
Kumu Hula

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Christopher Calvert
Kamehameha Schools Maui
Aquatics Coordinator
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Pukalani, HI 96768

January 20, 2026

Aloha

It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter of recommendation for our Kamehameha Schools Maui student athlete, Kaheawai Sepulveda. She is a water woman in the truest sense of the word. As her former Varsity Water Polo Coach and now as Aquatics Coordinator, I have had the opportunity to not only instruct Kaheawai as her Coach but also observe her participation from another lens as Aquatics Coordinator. This includes observing her continued participation in Varsity Water Polo as well as her contributions to our Varsity Paddling Team. Kaheawai is a leader in and out of the water. She leads by her actions and maintains a very spirited approach which can be often overlooked in today's world with so much emphasis on results.

Although her resume and competition results speak to her athletic abilities Kaheawai goes beyond her performance(s) as a leader, maintaining a lighthearted attitude and approach to keep all teammates engaged. This shows her focus not only on performance but also on building a team atmosphere. Kaheawai is not only a leader on her team here at Kamehameha but also has achieved great results at the Club Paddling level. This speaks volume of her commitment to Hawaiian Culture, specifically the sport of Canoe Paddling.

In addition to her athletic participation at both the school and club levels, Kaheawai is involved in community activities such as Hula and working in guest services at Twin Falls hiking area on Maui. I believe that Kaheawai is a strong candidate for your scholarship award on many fronts. Most of all, it is her work ethic that has helped her achieve her results. This exemplifies a quality that is often challenging to teach, the "value of hard work." Through her achievements, she has gained a true understanding for the importance of persistence while realizing the value of diligence.

Should you have any questions regarding Kaheawai's skills, experience, and dedication as a student athlete, please do not hesitate to contact me directly @ chcalver@ksbe.edu or via telephone at 808.866.8798.

Respectfully,

Christopher Calvert