



2023 Citizen-Scholar Awards

Instructions to Schools

*****ATTENTION*****

Before filling out the student application form, please read the following information and instructions. The student application form is accepted online via Google Form. Paper applications will NOT be accepted.

By submitting the student application form there is an understanding that the principal, school contact, and parent(s) are acknowledging the student's participation in the Citizen-Scholar Awards and application requirements were reviewed before submission. Moreover, please understand that the student MUST attend the Citizen-Scholar Awards luncheon in order to receive their scholarship. The Citizen-Scholar Awards luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at Prince Waikiki from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please make sure this date works for the student before submission. This policy is strictly enforced.

Additionally, the condition of receipt and likeness release is agreed upon submission and continuous notice of non-discrimination (please see below for condition of receipt and likeness release).

Condition of Receipt and Likeness Release:

Right to use your name, voice, image, and likeness:

The Scholarship Recipient (or Parent/Legal Guardian if applicable) hereby grants HLTA and its affiliates the irrevocable, transferable, perpetual right and license to publish, print, display, record and use (by Zoom, photograph, film, tape, aural devices and any other method or device) the attendees name, voice, image and likeness while at the event (the "Recordings"), and the use of such Recordings for any and all purposes, in any and all media now known and hereafter devised.

Continuous Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) and its schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion.

Please direct inquiries regarding HIDOE nondiscrimination policies as follows:

Civil Rights Compliance Branch
Hawaii State Department of Education
(808) 586-3322 or info@crco.k12.hi.us

Note: A confirmation receipt will be sent if application was received. If receipt was not received please follow up appropriately.

Any additional questions regarding the Citizen Scholar application and instructions, please email Jessica Caires at jcaires@hawaiilodging.org or (808)389-3980.

PURPOSE

To recognize public high school seniors who best exemplify citizenship in school and the community, contribute to making our state a better place, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or better.

As guidelines, students shall:

- Exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship;
- Realize their individual goals and aspirations;
- Possess the attitudes, knowledge, and skills necessary to contribute positively and compete in a global society; and
- Pursue post-secondary education and/or careers without need for remediation.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Each Citizen-Scholar Award recipient is guaranteed to be awarded a monetary scholarship of \$1,000 payable to the university or post-secondary institution of the student's choosing for the 2023-2024 school year. Changes may be made to the selected school but must be submitted no later than **Friday, June 23, 2023**, to the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association. Scholarship checks will be mailed directly to the school/college/university on **Monday, July 10, 2023**.

In addition, there will be \$2,500 awards to top male and female recipients, \$2,500 for the top student in each county, \$500 for opening salutation & closing speech, and \$250 for blessing & musical talent.

Note: If students change their college/university after scholarship check has been mailed it is the **student's responsibility** to inform the financial aid office of the change. Please also contact Jessica Caires (HLTA) at jcaires@hawaiilodging.org and provide updated college/university information.

PROCEDURE

1. Each school shall devise its own selection process and timetable, e.g., nominations, use of an application form, a selection committee, etc.
2. Each high school may select only one of its graduating seniors to receive the 2023 Citizen-Scholar Award.

Submit the following via email to Jessica Caires at jcaires@hawaiilodging.org by **Friday, February 24, 2023**:

- 2023 Citizen-Scholar Award Student Information Form completed by the parent/guardian of student, reviewed by the school coordinator, and signed or emailed by the principal.
- A letter of recommendation from a school advisor/personnel that includes why the student is deserving of this award and how they are helping make a difference in their community.
- A full-color digital high-resolution headshot photo, submitted as a .jpg, .png or PDF (1MB or higher) of the student, suitable for publication (no full body shots)
- A resume listing the types of community services activities the student has performed and whether they belong to any service organizations, groups, or clubs.
- A short bio written by the student (5-6 sentences) on a separate page that includes their accomplishments and aspirations. *Note: This bio will be shared with the prospective sponsor*
- For those who selected yes for opening salutation, closing speech, blessing, and/or musical talent, please submit a sample/demo for musical talent (refer to page 3 question 1-3).
- The following essay, which will be used to decide the top male and female candidate for the 2023 Citizen-Scholar Awards:

The Hawai'i State Department of Education states in its "Vision of a Public High School Graduate" that these students shall:

- 1) Realize their individual goals and aspirations;
- 2) Possess the attitudes, knowledge, and skills necessary to contribute positively and compete in a global society;
- 3) Exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship; and
- 4) Pursue post-secondary education and/or careers without need for remediation.

In 750 words or less, please explain which of these qualities feels most important to you and why it has been important in your development as a Citizen-Scholar.