



Maui Hotel & Lodging
ASSOCIATION

2026 AOHT Alumni Scholarship Information

The Maui Hotel & Lodging Association's scholarship program is designed to promote the Visitor Industry as a career and profession in Hawaii, and to provide financial assistance to students whose chosen career path is within the Visitor Industry. The Scholarship Selection Committee grants preference to scholarship applicants who are alumni of the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism program and whose major post-secondary educational objective is within the Hospitality and Tourism Industry.

Scholarships Awards:

- \$500 - \$1,500

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must be enrolled in a college or university and have completed the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism 2-year program at Baldwin, Lahainaluna, Maui High School or other Maui school with AOHT programs.

Application Procedure - Applicants must submit each of the following documents in one complete packet – incomplete packets will not be accepted:

- Part I: A completed Maui Hotel & Lodging Association Scholarship **Application Form**
- Part II: A **Personal Statement** that addresses the applicant's educational and career goals, co-curricular activities, commitment to serving Hawaii and its people, and work experience.
- Part III: **Two Letters of Recommendation** attesting to the applicant's character and potential. Letters from family members will not be accepted.
 1. Instructor, *Required*
 2. Employer or an individual who made an impact on the applicant's life.
- Part IV: A **Resume**
- Part V: An official academic **transcript**
- Part V: A copy of your 3rd Quarter Report Card and College approved business course transcript (if applicable)
- Part VI: Proof of completed internship on company letterhead and signed by the management of the location where the internship took place. (If applicable)
- Part VII: Service Excellence Certificate of Achievement from Cornell University and ClimbHI (if applicable)

Scholarship Selection Committee:

The Selection Committee is comprised of industry and community representatives – all of whom have a vested interest in workforce development. The identity of the committee members will NOT be made public.

Application Deadline:

Completed applications must be received by **4 pm Friday, April 25, 2026**, and may be emailed to info@mauihla.org or mailed to:

Maui Hotel & Lodging Association 85
N Church Street, Wailuku, HI 96793

- Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- The Selection Committee reserves the right to award or deny any application and may request modifications or additions to the application at any time.
- All materials submitted will **NOT** be returned.

Notification:

Recipients will be notified of the award in May 2026. Scholarships may be redeemed through the MHLA office. Receipts may be submitted to:

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Scholarship funds must be used to pay for tuition, books, and school supplies for the Fall 2026/Spring 2027 college semesters. Scholarship Awards may be sent directly to your school of choice or reimbursed directly to the student upon receipt of payment along with proof of enrollment. Receipts to claim your scholarship monies are due no later than **July 1, 2027**.



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2026 AOHT ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Part I.

Name _____ Major _____

Present Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell number _____ Email _____

Grade Point Average (Overall) _____ Expected graduation date _____

Objective/Educational Degree _____

Career Objectives/Goals _____

Specify other financial assistance you are receiving _____

Are you an alumnus of the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism Program (AOHT)? Yes No

Years completed in AOHT Program ___ Certificate awarded? Yes No School _____

THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION:

(Applicants must submit each of the following documents in one complete packet – incomplete packets will not be accepted)

Part II. Personal Statement

Provide a written statement that addresses the following areas: educational and career goals, cocurricular activities, commitment to serve Hawaii and its people, and relevant work experience.

Part III. Two Letters of Recommendation

Attach two letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant's character and potential. Letters from family members will not be accepted.

1. Instructor, *Required*
2. Employer or an individual who made an impact on the applicant's life

Part IV. Resume

Attach a resume outlining employment, education, and extracurricular activities.

Part V. Transcript

Attach an official transcript.

CERTIFICATION: Completed applications must be received by 4pm Friday, April 25, 2026

*I certify that all statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I understand that scholarship monies must be returned to the Maui Hotel & Lodging Association if I am not enrolled in the **Fall 2026/Spring 2027** college semesters.*

Signature _____ Date _____