



Maui Hotel & Lodging  
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## 2026 AOHT and Hospitality Pathway Scholarship

The Maui Hotel & Lodging Association's Academy of Hospitality & Tourism (AOHT) 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 industry. The Scholarship Selection Committee grants preference to scholarship applicants who have participated in the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism pathway and whose major post-secondary educational objective is within the Hospitality and Tourism Industry. Other fields may be considered if they are related to the Visitor Industry.

Scholarship Amounts Available: \$1000 - \$2000 for 1<sup>st</sup> time applicants

**Eligibility Requirements** - *Applicants must be a student participant within The Academy of Hospitality & Tourism programs and completed all the following items:*

- Academy of Hospitality & Tourism 2-year program and/or
- A minimum of 120 internship hours
- OPTIONAL: Completion of the UH Maui College-approved Business course may allow students to be eligible for a higher scholarship amount
- OPTIONAL: Completion of the ClimbHI and e-Cornell Service Excellence Certificate of Achievement curriculum

**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** from the applicant that details the values and benefits gained from their personal experiences in the AOHT program and why they are interested in the visitor industry.
- Part III: **Two Letters of Recommendation** from the following. Letters of recommendation from family members will **not** be accepted.
  1. Academy Director or Teacher, *Required*
  2. Employer/Internship Sponsor, from Junior or Senior year, **or** an individual who made an impact on your life. *Required.* Examples include a community leader, Church leader, or Volunteer group leader.
- Part IV: A **Resume**
- Part V: A copy of your 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter **Report Card**
- Part VI: **Proof of completed internship** on company letterhead and signed by the management of the location where the internship took place.
- Part VII: UH Maui College approved business course **transcript** (if applicable)
- Part VIII: 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.

### **Applicant Interview:**

Upon review of all applications, the Selection Committee will decide on the top candidates. Those selected as top candidates may be contacted for an interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee.

### **Application Deadline & Information:**



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Completed applications must be received by **4 pm Friday, April 25, 2026**. Completed applications may be emailed to [info@mauihla.org](mailto:info@mauihla.org) or mailed to Maui Hotel & Lodging Association, Scholarship Committee, 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:**

Scholarship recipients will be notified in **May 2026**. 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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**Part I.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

College Attending in Fall 2025 \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

Objective/Education Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Career Objectives/Goals \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

At which high school did you participate in the AOHT/Hospitality Pathway Academy?

HP Baldwin High School  Lahainaluna  Maui High School  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

At which grade level were you an active member of the AOHT (check all that apply):

Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Define any leadership role(s) you contributed to within the Academy: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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**

Attach a written document (300 words or less) that includes each of the following elements:

- the values and benefits gained from your personal experiences in the AOHT program.
- why you are interested in a career in the visitor industry?

**Part III. Letters of Recommendation**

Attach two letters of recommendation attesting to your character and potential to succeed from:

1. Academy Director or Teacher, *Required*
2. Employer/Internship Sponsor, from Junior or Senior year, **or** an individual who made an impact on your life.  
Example: Community leader, Church leader, or Volunteer group leader. *Required*

**Part IV. Resume**

Attach a resume summarizing your employment, education, extra-curricular activities, community service, accomplishments, and awards.

**Part V. Report Card**

Attach a copy of your 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report card.

**Part VI. Completed Internship**

Attach a copy or statement verifying completion of 120 hours of the internship program on company letterhead and signed by management.

**Part VII. Transcript**

If applicable, attach an official transcript of your UH Maui College-approved Business course.

**Part VIII. Service Excellence Certificate of Achievement**

If applicable, attach your e-Cornell University and ClimbHI **Service Excellence Certificate of Achievement**

**Certification**

*I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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