



Maui Hotel & Lodging
ASSOCIATION

2026 Membership Scholarship Information

The Maui Hotel & Lodging Association's membership scholarship program is designed to encourage and benefit our members and their children in seeking higher education. Funds are provided as financial support to students who display excellence in academic achievement, leadership, and community service.

Scholarships Available:

- \$1000 - \$3000 each

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be high school seniors or a registered post-secondary student.
- A current employee or child of an employee to an MHLA Allied or Property Member in good standing with the association.
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 during the previous semester, if applicable
- A Hawaii resident and U.S. citizen

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** (400 words or less) that addresses the applicant's educational and career goals, co-curricular activities, commitment to serve Hawaii and its people, and work experience.

Part III: **Letters of Recommendation** from the below list. Letters of recommendation from family members will not be accepted.

1. Instructor (*at least 1 letter required from the previous school year*), if applicable
2. Employer or Internship Sponsor, required.
3. An individual who made an impact on their life, required. For example - community leader, church leader, or volunteer group leader.

Part IV: A **Resume** summarizing employment, education, extra-curricular activities, community service, accomplishments, and awards.

Part V: An **official academic transcript**, if applicable

Scholarship Selection Committee:

The Selection Committee is comprised of industry and community representatives. 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 a top candidate may be contacted for an interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Application Deadline:

Completed applications must be received by 4 pm on **Saturday, April 25, 2026**, and may be submitted by email 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 and Redeeming your Award:

Recipients will be notified by email of their 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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Part I: APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Applicant Name _____ Date _____

Present Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell number _____ Email _____

High School Attended _____ Graduation Year _____

College _____ Year Entering College _____

Education Degree _____

Career Objectives/Goals _____

If Applicable: Last Semester's GPA _____ Cumulative GPA _____

MHLA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Applicant is (check one): Employee Child of Employee

Company Name _____ Company Phone _____

Employee Name _____ Employee Phone _____

Cell Number _____ Email _____

THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE APPLICATION PROCESS

(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 (400 words or less) that addresses the applicant's educational and career goals, co-curricular activities, commitment to serve Hawaii and its people, and work experience

Part III. Letters of Recommendation (letters from family members will not be accepted)

- Instructor (*at least 1 letter required from prior school year*), if applicable
- Employer or Internship Sponsor, required
- An individual who made an impact on their life, required. For example: community leader, church leader or volunteer group leader

Part IV. Resume summarizing employment, education, extra-curricular activities, community service, accomplishments, and awards.

Part V. An official academic transcript, if applicable

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.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Employee Signature _____ Date _____

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