

KONA OCEAN CENTER

2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

This is the first scholarship offered by Kona Ocean Center, a new non-profit in Kailua Kona, HI. The Kona Ocean Center focuses on individuals who are interested in our ocean and the marine life within. Our scholarship is meant to help financially those who wish to complete a degree at UH- Hilo in Marine Science. Funds are to be paid directly to the school for tuition, and some other qualified expenses such as books, supplies and other qualified educational expenses may be paid directly to the student with proper verifiable receipts. This is a \$500. scholarship and we are offering 2 of them at this time.

Name:

Address

Home phone

Cell phone

Email Address:

Grade average or copy of official transcript from UH.

What is your career goal?

A complete application includes:

- 1) Application form
- 2) An essay outlining your life's experiences, goals, work history/experiences
- 3) Must demonstrate financial need (FARSA or SAR)
- 4) Any other documents which applicant wants considered by the selection committee, maybe one letter of recommendation .

Complete application packets should be returned , with appropriate postage to:

Ocean Center Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1502
Kailua Kona, HI 96745

APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 10, 2019

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PO BOX 1502, KAILUA KONA, HI 96745

Mission Statement : To create a gathering place for the West Hawaii community that focuses on ocean resources and conservation.

PURPOSE : Kona Ocean Center is a non-profit corporation and shall operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. The primary mission of Kona Ocean Center will be to promote ocean conservation, ocean research, via educational classes and other activities. This facility will be open to the public at large for business meetings, and group functions.

Kona Ocean Center will offer scholarships to students on Hawaii Island, who are working in or studying in the area of environmental science and ocean science. The purpose of the scholarships is to encourage youth to explore new ideas about how to keep our oceans and marine life healthy. Kona Ocean Center will offer one to two (1-2) scholarships in the first calendar year of operations. The scholarship amounts will vary based on the amount of donations received in that year for scholarships.

Kona Ocean Center will partner with other charitable and community organizations to determine how best to preserve and conserve our ocean environment. Ideas will be sought from the community on which topics are most on their minds, and how we can work together to solve these problems. This interchange will be accomplished through forums, discussion groups, and speakers on various subjects, in an effort to find what will work best for our community in the future.

In keeping with the Hawaiian spirit of community and co-operation the Kona Ocean Center will support several levels of individual and group advancement. This will include providing scholarships to students of the Big Island within the local primary and secondary education system involved in marine biology, marine ecosystem study and related fields.

The Kona Ocean Center sees itself as an educational entity in addition to providing financial support to the local student body. We intend to make the facility available to those wishing to offer instruction in marine related areas. The proximity of the proposed location to the Kona coast as well as being adjacent to Honokohau harbor makes it an ideal site for these purposes.