

HMSA

Kaimana Awards

& SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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QUESTIONS



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1. What is the HMSA Kaimana Awards & Scholarship Program?

The program, which started during the 2005-06 school year, highlights high schools and their student athletes for success on and off the field by recognizing achievements in athletics, academics, sportsmanship, and community service.

2. How much money does HMSA contribute to the overall sponsorship?

The program provides the Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) with more than \$140,000 each year. It's one of the largest corporate sponsorships of high school athletics in Hawaii's history.

3. What's included in the program?

There are three parts of the Kaimana Awards & Scholarship Program:

- HMSA Kaimana Awards for individual schools.
- HMSA Kaimana Scholarships for deserving student athletes.
- Support of coaches' education and training.



HMSA Kaimana Awards

4. Which schools are eligible for the awards?

All public and independent HHSAA high schools statewide are eligible to win one of the annual HMSA Kaimana Awards.

5. Are schools competing within their own league for each HMSA Kaimana Award?

Yes. Each school competes against other schools in their own league and division. For example, an ILH Division II school competes against other ILH Division II schools for the Kaimana Award.

6. How many awards are presented each year?

The number of awards depends on the total number of high school leagues and divisions each year. For the 2013-14 school year, there will be 10 awards recognizing schools from each division:

LEAGUE	DIVISION	2013-14 NUMBER OF AWARDS
Big Island Interscholastic Federation	Division I	1
	Division II	1
Interscholastic League of Honolulu	Division I	1
	Division II	1
Kauai Interscholastic Federation		1
Maui Interscholastic League	Division I	1
	Division II	1
Oahu Interscholastic Association	Red division	1
	White division	1
	Blue division	1

OAHU INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION DIVISIONS		
Red Division	White Division	Blue Division
Campbell High School	Aiea High School	Anuenue School
Farrington High School	Castle High School	Hakipuu Learning Center
Kapolei High School	Kahuku High School	Halau Ku Mana
Leilehua High School	Kailua High School	Halau Lokahi
McKinley High School	Kaimuki High School	Hawaii School for the Deaf & the Blind
Mililani High School	Kaiser High School	Hawaii Technology Academy
Moanalua High School	Kalaheo High School	Kamaile Academy
Pearl City High School	Kalani High School	Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau Laboratory
Waianae High School	Radford High School	Myron B. Thompson Academy
Waipahu High School	Roosevelt High School	Nanakuli High School
		Waialua High School

7. How are the winning schools from each league and division chosen?

Each school earns points in the areas of athletics, academics, sportsmanship, and community service. The school with the most points in each league/division will receive an award. All information from the schools that will be counted toward its score must be submitted to the HHSAA by the close of business on Friday, May 16, 2014.

8. What are the scoring criteria for the HMSA Kaimana Awards?

The awards recognize schools and their student athletes who excel in athletics and other areas that reflect the school's commitment to creating role models. The four areas of scoring are weighted almost equally. Schools can earn a maximum of approximately 450 points during the school year depending on the number of sports recognized by their league.

a. Athletics: 150 points

i. Participation: 100 points

1. A higher percentage of students participating in sports shows greater involvement and physical activity.
2. Points are earned according to the percentage of the total student body that participates in a team sport recognized by their league. For example, if 100 percent of the student body participates in a league-recognized team sport, the school will earn 100 points for participation. A 62 percent participation rate would earn 62 points.
3. Leagues that follow Title IX reporting standards may have more than 100 percent participation due to the number of students who participate in more than one league-recognized sport. However, the maximum points awarded in this category are 100.



ii. League Championships: 50 points

1. Two points for each varsity-level league division championship a school wins in a league sport. Some leagues recognize more sports than others.
2. All sports are treated equally. For example, a bowling championship carries the same weight as a football championship.

b. Academics: 100 points

- i. Points are earned based on collective grade point average of all student athletes participating in league-recognized team sports. The leagues and schools can choose which semester, quarter, or any combination of the two, to report to the HHSAA. GPA information representing all student athletes can be reported in a one-time report to the HHSAA after the third quarter.
- ii. Points are awarded based on the percentage of student athletes who've earned a GPA of 2.75 or higher. For example, if a school has 55 percent of its student athletes earning a 2.75 GPA or higher, the school earns 55 points.



c. Sportsmanship: 100 points

- i. Each school is expected to display good sportsmanship both on and off the field.
- ii. Schools start with the full 100 points. Points are deducted when a reported incident occurs that reflects poorly on sportsmanship.
- iii. If a school loses more than 100 points, their score for this category will be a negative number that impacts their total points.
- iv. The leagues may institute a process in where a school, coach, or student athlete can earn back points lost for sportsmanship. The individual leagues will develop and implement their own policy in this area.

d. Community service: 100 points

- i. Each school receives points for community service performed by their entire student body. All community service projects by all of the school's students are counted. All community service time can be reported in a single report submitted to the HHSAA.
- ii. Points are awarded based on the number of collective student hours worked on community service projects. For example, if one student works at a homeless shelter for four hours, that's four hours counted toward a school's overall total.



9. When will I know if my school won?

The winning schools are announced at the HMSA Kaimana Awards Luncheon in June 2014.

10. When will the winning schools receive the award?

Representatives from each of the winning schools will be invited to receive their HMSA Kaimana Award at the luncheon. Representatives of the winning schools and scholarship recipients on the Neighbor Islands will be provided with airfare to Honolulu for the event.

HMSA Kaimana Scholarships

11. What can I use the HMSA Kaimana Scholarship for?

These are general education scholarships that can be used to pay for tuition, room and board, or books for education after high school.

12. How many scholarships are awarded?

The number of scholarships and amount of each scholarship are determined at the beginning of the school year based on the number of leagues and divisions for that year. For the 2013-14 school year, 21 scholarships will be awarded. There are also five distinguished scholarships awarded to five of the general scholarship winners. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:

LEAGUE	NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS
Big Island Interscholastic Federation	3
Interscholastic League of Honolulu	6
Kauai Interscholastic Federation	3
Maui Interscholastic League	3
Oahu Interscholastic Association	6

13. What are distinguished scholarships?

These are additional scholarships awarded to five general scholarship winners who have exceptional qualities.

14. How much is each scholarship worth?

Each general education scholarship is worth \$3,000. The distinguished scholarships are worth an additional \$2,000.

15. What are the criteria for applying for an HMSA Kaimana Scholarship?

You must:

- i. Be a high school senior graduating from a Hawaii high school in 2014.
- ii. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75.
- iii. Have participated on a league-recognized team during at least one of your high school years. Special focus is given to students who play lower-profile sports.
- iv. Have participated in community service projects in addition to school activities.
- v. Submit recommendations from two faculty members from your school that detail your athletic dedication and determination, academic performance, sportsmanship, and personal character.
- vi. Submit a brief essay on your high school experience and plans after high school.

16. How are winning recipients selected?

Scholarship selections are based on athletic and academic achievement, sportsmanship, and community involvement. All applications go through a screening process, and winners are selected by a committee of business and community leaders.

17. When do I find out if I won?

We'll let you know sometime in April. You'll also be invited to the HMSA Kaimana Awards Luncheon in June, where you'll be recognized for your achievements and possibly selected as one of five winners of the distinguished scholarship.

18. When is the deadline to apply?

Applications must be received by the HHSAA by 4 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2014. You can mail it in or bring it to the Stevenson Middle School administrative office during school hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

19. Where can I get an application?

You can find them on the HHSAA's website (www.sportshigh.com) and HMSA's website (hmsa.com/Kaimana).

20. Will I receive a check if I win?

Yes, but only after you request reimbursement for eligible educational expenses from the HHSAA, which administers the scholarship funds. Scholarship funds must be used within 12 months from the award date. If you have any questions, please contact the HHSAA.

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