



“Unfolded by the water are the faces of the flowers”, taken from Olelo No’ Eau by Mary Kawena Pukui

## Youth Leadership Kaua`i ~ Pi`ina Hoku (Stars that Rise)

### Application for the Class of 2011

- WHO?** High School Juniors throughout Kaua`i
- WHAT?** A program sponsored by Leadership Kaua`i designed to prepare youth and develop strengths for a future of *endless* possibilities!
- WHEN?** Beginning in August, 2010, coming together once a month, and ending with graduation in April 2011
- WHERE?** Various places on Kaua`i
- WHY?** To develop youth leadership skills, learn more about ourselves and how to work and serve our communities collaboratively ... and to have **fun!!**

#### **Imagine yourself!**

- Meet, work, and bond with new people and friends!
- Learn and do fun and interesting things!
- Gain skills that will help you and your community!

Pi`ina Hoku starts with an exciting retreat in Koke`e! Each month for one day, instead of attending school, you will join your peers in various locations on the island for a dynamic day designed to provide teens opportunities for personal growth. **Pi`ina Hoku is a once in a lifetime opportunity!**

*We welcome your interest in Youth Leadership Kaua`i – Pi`ina Hoku.  
Please review the following application carefully, complete and return  
pages 5 to 11 to our office as soon as possible, **no later than May 14, 2010.***

**Mahalo!**

## Application Process

Applications are open to sophomores who have the desire, enthusiasm and commitment to develop their leadership skills and knowledge for the benefit of themselves, others and the community.

- Applications are available on the Leadership Kaua'i Web page at <http://www.leadershipkauai.org/youth-leadership.asp>.
- Applications must include the completed application form, one letter of recommendation (attached,) and an educational support form (attached).
- Applications, if mailed, must be postmarked no later than **May 14, 2010**; they may also be submitted by email to [info@leadershipkauai.org](mailto:info@leadershipkauai.org) or fax to 246-8726.
- Personal interviews will be held in **June 2010**.
- Applicants will be notified of the selection decision **by July 1, 2010**.
- A mandatory parent / student orientation meeting will be held on **August 6, 2010**.

Please submit your completed application to:

Leadership Kaua'i  
Pi`ina Hoku Youth Leadership Program  
P.O. Box 1567  
Lihu`e, HI 96766  
Phone: (808) 246-8727  
Fax: (808) 246-8726  
Email: [info@leadershipkauai.org](mailto:info@leadershipkauai.org)  
Website: [www.leadershipkauai.org](http://www.leadershipkauai.org)

## Selection Criteria

Leadership Kaua'i seeks a diverse group of candidates with a variety of backgrounds, interests, and grade point averages who:

- Have demonstrated an interest in and a commitment to volunteerism
- Have demonstrated an understanding of and interest in the community
- Exhibit many qualities associated with leadership
- Have the time to participate and commit to a nine-month training series
- Are able to increase volunteer activity during the program year
- Have a long-term commitment to help resolve Kaua'i issues

## Tuition Requirements

The nominal tuition for the program is \$250.00, although no person will be kept from participating due to lack of funds. Requests for sponsorship can be directed to Leadership Kaua`i. Tuition is due by the first parent orientation meeting **Aug. 6, 2010**.

## Pi`ina Hoku Program

Throughout our Pi`ina Hoku Program, we will recognize and respect the values of our Hawaiian culture and the Aloha Spirit; encourage openness; and have fun while learning. We will incorporate a variety of learning methods, including presenters, panel discussions, videos, role-playing and skill practice sessions.

The program sessions will use large and small group discussions, field experiences, workshops, simulations and individual work. Including the opening and closing events, each session is focused around specific topics that will:

- I. **EMPOWER** potential community leaders
- II. **DEVELOP** young leaders with an awareness of and sensitivity to Kaua`i's culture and people
- III. **EDUCATE** young leaders who will succeed in our unique environment and within our global economy
- IV. **MOTIVATE** young leaders to effectively address community needs and improve our quality of life
- V. **ESTABLISH**, replenish and expand the ranks of Kaua`i's leaders

## Tentative Program Schedule

*Dates and locations subject to change – all sessions are held on Kaua`i.*

*Classes are usually held from 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

### **Friday – Sunday, three (3) day retreats:**

August 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2010 & March 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> , 2011

### **Thursday program days:**

September 16, 2010	November 11, 2010	January 13&15, 2011
October 14, 2010	December 9, 2010	February 17, 2011

### **Graduation:**

April 16, 2011

\*It is planned that the youth participants will be able to join the adult participants in Leadership Kaua`i to hear special speakers and to enable them to network together. One Friday session, on 9/1/2010 and one Saturday Session on 3/11/2011 are scheduled for combined adult and youth programs.

**Class Project(s):** There will be a class project selected in which participants will work together on a community issue throughout the program.

## Graduation Requirements

Participation in the Youth Leadership Program requires a substantial commitment in time and energy from each participant. Please carefully consider the following:

- Inability to attend the August or March retreats will automatically eliminate a participant from continuing with the program.
- Participants who miss more than **two (2) days** will not be allowed to graduate from the program. The integrity of the program requires that participants be present on all days at all sessions in order to both learn leadership skills and to develop personal relationships. Example: Retreats are three (3) days long; leaving a retreat after one day equates to two missed days.
- All reading and written assignments must be completed on time.
- Participants will be actively involved with their peers in a selected community project.
- Participants will develop and engage in an Individual Leadership Development Plan.
- Participants will treat one another with respect and dignity at all times.
- Participants will respect the confidential nature of the discussions and comments made during the program.
- Participants are expected to follow Leadership Kaua`i Rules and Code of Conduct.
- Tuition payment is to be made in full by August 6, 2010 unless special arrangements have been made.

**Note on attendance:** *Sometimes it is difficult to attend a program for various reasons, including educational and family responsibilities. Despite these challenges, attendance is an important expectation and part of our leadership development. Sessions will begin and end on time. Students will be transported from home or school to monthly sessions and are not allowed to utilize personal vehicles to attend meetings.*

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Please complete and return this Application, Student Commitment, Letter of Recommendation, and Educational Support Form by **May 14, 2010**. Mail to Leadership Kaua`i, P.O. Box 1567, Lihu`e, HI 96766; email to: [info@leadershipkauai.org](mailto:info@leadershipkauai.org) or fax to (808) 246-8726. If you have any questions or need assistance in completing the application materials, please call us at (808) 246-8727. Applications can be found online at <http://www.leadershipkauai.org/youth-leadership.asp>.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

List one (1) reference (excluding family members). A form is attached for your selected reference to complete.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Application Questions:**

(Please attach additional sheets or adapt to your computer as necessary.)

1. What attracts you to Leadership Kaua'i's Pi'ina Hoku Youth Leadership Program and how would you use the course curriculum to better yourself, your school, and the community?
2. What changes, both personally and for the community, would you like to see as a result of your experience in this program?
3. Community & School Involvement: Please list the major civic and school activities in which you have participated. For each activity, indicate the nature of your participation and the approximate amount of time devoted to each.
4. Please list and describe any awards or recognition you have received for academic, sports and community activities:
5. Describe your highest personal achievement to date.

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**Commitment Form**

**Please read carefully and sign:**

**STUDENT COMMITMENT**

*If I am accepted into the program, I agree to abide by the Tuition, Attendance and Graduation requirements stated above.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Principal, Counselor or Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Principal, Counselor or Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT / GUARDIAN COMMITMENT**

*I understand acceptance into the program is a serious commitment. I agree to support the student's involvement and assist when necessary.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Youth Bio Questionnaire**

We use the following information to create profiles of our participants. The profiles will be used in short bios along with your photo to display our Leadership Kaua`i participants. Please include any information that you would like to share.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Where do you work/go to school and what is your title/year in school?
2. Do you hold any degrees (University/College) certifications or awards?
3. How long have you resided on Kaua`i? What area of the island do you live in?
4. Which community organizations/school/sports are you active with? Please list all.
5. What are your hobbies, interests?
6. Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself?

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## Letter of Recommendation Form

*Please print legibly or adapt to your computer.*

Letter of recommendation for: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Leadership Kaua`i's goal is to provide a cross-section of Kaua`i's youth with different perspectives and tools so they may learn from one another and current community leaders, acquire new knowledge and ultimately to enhance positive leadership development. Through the entire process, Pi`ina Hoku will motivate the participants to take action in their communities and strive to be extraordinary leaders of tomorrow.

Pi`ina Hoku is a nine month Youth Leadership Program sponsored by Leadership Kaua`i for junior high school students. Over the course of the program, students will be empowered to become leaders in their areas of interest with an awareness of civic responsibility and sensitivity to Kaua`i's diverse cultures.

Vision: To prepare our youth to hold their place in society, and to develop their strengths for a future of endless possibilities.

Mission: To join a cross-section of qualified Kaua`i high school juniors, develop their leadership skills to enable them to serve our community and solve challenges collaboratively.

### Objectives:

- To establish trusting relationships among program participants
- To promote developmentally appropriate interpersonal skills including communication, conflict-resolution and assertiveness
- To provide opportunities for participants to learn and practice analytical thinking, problem solving, decision-making, planning and goal-setting
- To develop in participants an awareness and respect of the community, it's problems, challenges and opportunities to help
- To increase youth's personal capacity to cope with challenges through empowerment, independent thinking and self-advocacy
- To assist participants in preparation for continued education and workforce readiness
- To faithfully acknowledge the progress of program participants

***Why should this individual be selected as a participant for the program?***  
*(Attach additional sheets as necessary to fully address all questions.)*

***Please tell us how the candidate demonstrates the ability to:***

1. Support the Vision, Mission and Objectives of Youth Leadership Kaua`i

2. Be open to learning new skills and perspectives

3. Commit 100% to a project

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

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**Educational Support Form**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL, COUNSELOR or TEACHER**

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Youth Leadership Kaua`i – Pi`ina Hoku program from August 2009 through April 2010. I understand the time commitment involved, and agree to allow school time/credit for participation in the leadership program.

**Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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