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HEPA offers two scholarships totaling \$6000 to Kona and North Kohala District Students *Kona Community Hospital and Kohala Hospital facilitate scholarships*

April 8, 2022 – Kealahou, island of Hawaii – The Hawaii Emergency Physicians Associated, Inc. (HEPA), who provide staffing the emergency rooms at Kona Community Hospital and Kohala Hospital are offering (one) \$3000 college scholarship to students in the Kona area and (one) \$3000 college scholarship to students in North Kohala District. The scholarships will be awarded \$1500 per semester per student.

The goal of the scholarship is to support a graduating high school student, who without financial assistance, is not likely to attend college. The primary criteria for scholarship consideration are financial and familial hardship

Additional criteria for consideration includes:

- Must be from West Hawaii Region (Kona area or North Kohala District)
- Prior academic performance
- Must be a graduating high school student

Scholarship application forms can be downloaded from the Kona Community Hospital website at KCH.hhsc.org. Applications can also be requested via email from Heidi Marquardt at hmarquardt@hhsc.org.

Completed application forms must be received by **Tuesday, May 31, 2022**

Interested students should submit the following documents:

- Application form
- Photo copy of most recent report card or transcripts
- Photo copy of SAR report or Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for applicable school year
- 2 letters of reference from teachers, counselors, employers or other individuals who are familiar with your character and potential. Include this person's relationship to student.

Mail all required documents to:

Kona Students and North Kohala District Students:

Heidi Marquardt
KCH Education Department
Kona Community Hospital
79-1019 Haukapila Street
Kealahou, HI 96750



For more information, please contact Heidi Marquardt at 808-322-4559.

About Kona Community Hospital. Founded in 1914, KCH is a 94-bed full-service acute care hospital with 24-hour emergency department recently designated as a Level III trauma center supporting the west region of the island of Hawaii. It is a member of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, a special agency of the state of Hawaii established in 1996. It is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. KCH is dedicated to providing and enhancing accessible comprehensive healthcare services to the West Hawaii community.

About Kohala Hospital - Kohala Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital with acute and long-term care services and a 24-hour emergency room that supports the North Kohala community. It is a member of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, a special agency of the state of Hawaii established in 1996. Its mission is to provide a healing environment to the community of North Kohala through the provision of quality health care services with emphasis on quality of life to all patients and residents.

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