

HMSA KAIMANA AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

OVERALL HMSA SPONSORSHIP

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

The HMSA Kaimana Awards & Scholarship Program recognizes and rewards student athletes in Hawaii's high schools. The three-year sponsorship, introduced for the 2005-06 school year, acknowledges high schools and their student athletes for success on and off the field by recognizing achievements in athletics, academics, sportsmanship and community service.

"Kaimana," the Hawaiian word for "diamond," was selected because it best describes the HMSA program (which is multifaceted, like a diamond) and the Kaimana Award itself, a large engraved crystal trophy that resembles a diamond.

2. Why is HMSA sponsoring high school athletics?

The HMSA Kaimana Awards & Scholarship Program supports HMSA's efforts to encourage physical activity. It also embodies HMSA's *go* Campaign and recognizes schools and students who get up, get out and get active.

3. How much money is HMSA contributing toward the overall sponsorship?

HMSA has agreed to a four-year sponsorship to provide HHSAA with an amount in the low six figures each year. This represents one of the largest corporate sponsorships of high school athletics in Hawaii's history.

4. What are the components of the program?

There are three components of the HMSA Kaimana Awards & Scholarship Program:

- a. HMSA Kaimana Awards for individual schools in each league and division.
- b. HMSA Kaimana Scholarship Program for deserving student athletes.
- c. Assistance with underwriting coaches' education to support ongoing training and accreditation for coaches and assistant coaches.

5. Which schools are eligible for the HMSA Kaimana Awards?

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

6. 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 OIA East Red Division I school competes against other OIA East Red Division I schools for the Kaimana Award in their league and division.

7. How many awards are presented each year?

Every school has an equal chance to win an HMSA Kaimana Award. The number of awards depends on the total number of high school leagues and divisions each year. For the 2008-09 school year, there will be 10 awards recognizing schools from each division. Schools competing within each league and division are eligible for one of the following awards:

LEAGUE	DIVISION	2008-09 NUMBER OF AWARDS
Big Island Interscholastic Federation	Schools > 600 students	1
	Schools < 600 students	1
Interscholastic League of Honolulu	Division I	1
	Division II	1
Kauai Interscholastic Federation		1
Maui Interscholastic League Schools	> 600 students Schools	1
	< 600 students	1
Oahu Interscholastic Association	East Red Division I	1
	West Red Division I	1
	White Division II	1

8. How are the winning schools from each league and division determined?

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 HMSA Kaimana Award. All information from the schools that will be counted toward its Kaimana score must be submitted to HHSAA by the close of business on Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

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

The HMSA Kaimana Awards recognize schools and their student athletes who excel not just in athletics, but also in 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.

Athletics

A. Participation: 100 points maximum

1. A higher percentage of students participating in sports indicates greater student 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. If 100 percent or more 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 choose to 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.

B. League Championships: Approximately 50 points maximum

1. Two points for each **varsity-level** league divisional championship a school wins in a league sport. Some leagues recognize more sports than others.
2. All sports are treated equally. A bowling championship will carry the same weight as a football championship (accounts for any gender inequities).

League Championship	
For each divisional championship in a varsity-level , league-recognized sport	2 points

Academics: 100 points maximum

- A. Points are earned based on the collective grade point averages of **all** student athletes participating in league-recognized team sports. The leagues and schools can determine which semester, quarter, or any combination thereof, to report to HHSAA. GPA information representing all student athletes can be reported in a one-time report to HHSAA after the third quarter.
- B. Points are awarded based on the percentage of student athletes who have 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.

Sportsmanship: 100 points maximum

- A. Each school is expected to display good sportsmanship both on and off the field.
- B. Schools automatically start with the full 100 points. Points are deducted when a reported incident occurs that reflects poorly on sportsmanship.
- C. These points can be lost, as opposed to other categories where points are earned. This creates a “do not cross” mental boundary where teams lose something they already have, as opposed to losing something they never had.
- D. If a school loses more than 100 points, their score for this category will be a negative number, which impact their total points.
- E. The leagues may institute a process 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.

SPORTSMANSHIP		
Type of Conduct	Description	Penalty (Points)
Level IV	1) Coach’s ejection from a game for any unsportsmanlike conduct. This applies to all members of the coaching staff. 2) Any physical damages exceeding \$250 caused by a team member to the venue, including furnishings and equipment, or other ancillary facilities or vehicles at the event.	50
Level III	1) Any physical altercation with any participant (official, player, fan or other spectator) at a league-recognized event. 2) Any incident where a player is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct.	25
Level II	Any physical damages of \$250 or less, caused by a team member to the venue, including furnishings and equipment, or other ancillary facilities or vehicles at the event.	15
Level I	Making obscene comments or gestures at event officials, opposing teams, fans or other spectators.	10

Community Service: 100 points maximum

- A. 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 HHSAA.
- B. 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 is 4 hours counted toward a school overall total. A sports team could earn 150 hours picking up trash at the beach on the same weekend if they had 50 students working for three hours. Collectively, the school would have 154 hours for that weekend.

COMMUNITY SERVICE					
Number of collective community service hours completed by students during the school year	Points Earned				
School Enrollment <small>(Includes only high school students)</small>	> 1,500	1,000 – 1,500	500 – 1,000	100 – 500	< 100
10,000 hours or more	100	100	100	100	100
7,501 – 9,999 hours	80	100	100	100	100
5,001 – 7,500 hours	60	80	100	100	100
3,001 – 5,000 hours	40	60	80	100	100
1,001 – 3,000 hours	20	40	60	100	100
751 – 1,000 hours	10	20	40	100	100
501 – 750 hours	0	0	20	80	100
201 – 500 hours	0	0	0	60	80
100 – 200 hours	0	0	0	0	40

10. When will the winning schools be identified?

The winning schools will be announced at the HMSA Kaimana Awards Luncheon in June 2009.

11. When will the winning schools receive the HMSA Kaimana Award?

Representatives from each of the winning schools will be invited to receive their HMSA Kaimana Award at the HMSA Kaimana Awards Luncheon. Representatives from the Neighbor Island winning schools and scholarship recipients will be provided airfare to Honolulu for the event.

12. What types of scholarships are awarded?

The HMSA Kaimana Scholarships are general education scholarships that can be used by recipients to pay for tuition, room and board, or books for post-high school education.

13. How many HMSA Kaimana 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 2008-09 school year, 21 general scholarships will be awarded. Additionally, distinguished scholarships will be awarded to three of the general scholarship recipients. 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

14. What are distinguished scholarships?

The HMSA Kaimana Scholarship Program awards additional scholarships to three of the general scholarship recipients. Distinguished scholarships are awarded to three student athletes with exceptional qualities.

15. How much is each scholarship worth?

Each HMSA Kaimana Scholarship is worth \$2,000 for the 2008-09 school year. The distinguished scholarships are worth an additional \$1,000 each.

16. What are the nomination criteria for an HMSA Kaimana Scholarship?

The following criteria must be met to apply for a scholarship:

- A.** A high school senior graduating from a Hawaii high school in 2009.
- B.** A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75.
- C.** Participation on a league-recognized team during at least one of their high school years. Special focus will be on student athletes in lower-profile sports.
- D.** Recommendations from two faculty members from the applicant's school. The recommendations should comment on the applicant's athletic dedication and determination, academic performance, sportsmanship, and personal character.
- E.** A brief essay by the student on their high school experience and post-high school plans.

17. 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.

18. When are the winning recipients notified?

Recipients of HMSA Kaimana Scholarships will be notified during April and will be invited to and recognized at the HMSA Kaimana Awards Luncheon in June 2009. Recipients of the three distinguished scholarships also will be announced at the awards luncheon.

19. When is the deadline to apply?

All scholarship applications must be received by HHSAA by 4 p.m. on Feb. 27, 2009, or postmarked by Feb. 27, 2009.

20. Where can I get an application?

Applications for the 2008-09 HMSA Kaimana Scholarships are available on the web sites of HHSAA (www.sportshigh.com), and HMSA (hmsa.com).

21. Will recipients receive a check?

Each recipient's scholarship funds are administered by HHSAA. Recipients can request reimbursement from HHSAA, up to their specific scholarship limit, for eligible educational expenses. Scholarship funds must be used within 12 months from the award date. For further questions, please contact HHSAA.

22. How does the HMSA Kaimana Awards & Scholarship Program assist with coaches' education?

For the 2008-09 school year, HHSAA will use a portion of the sponsorship to help underwrite the cost of materials for the coaches' national certification programs and to reimburse coaches for attending CPR and first-aid training. HHSAA will determine the allotment distribution for each league.

In the future, HHSAA and the HMSA Kaimana Awards & Scholarship Program may consider coordinating an event held at a single venue, where coaching staff from all leagues and divisions statewide could attend sports-related educational sessions. Topics may include sports nutrition, training and conditioning, sportsmanship, motivational techniques, and more.

23. Who receives the funding for the coaches' education?

The funding to assist with coaches' education is provided to HHSAA to distribute to the leagues.