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KIPONA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INFO SESSION - MAY 27, 2020

Q: What is the deadline for families to apply for Kipona next year?

A: Program application windows have not been established for SY21-22. We recommend visiting our website: www.ksbe.edu/financialaid/ August 1, 2020 for new program information.

Q: Kipona program is removing Kindergarten as an entry point for SY21-22?

A: Yes, this fall applications for new recipients to the Kipona program will open for Grade 6 and 9 only.

Q: Will schools receive a list of Kipona recipients before the School Collaborator Portal opens on June 30th?

A: Our standard process is to utilize the School Portal so, no, Kipona recipient information will not be available to schools before the School Portal is open.

Q: Families do not complete the school enrollment process without confirmation of Kipona award. Will award notifications be sent to families earlier next year?

A: Yes, pending no unforeseen events in the future, we will resume our normal notification schedule; planned for March 2021.

Q: How do we help families understand the reason KS discontinued Kindergarten entry point?

A: We are always exploring ways to improve how we support our communities. One of the lessons we have learned is that there are many quality opportunities that already exist available for kindergarten families where keiki can develop a strong foundation as they grow older. The decision to discontinue kindergarten applications allows us to think differently and creatively about where our focus is needed and how else we can serve our lāhui.

Q: Will the Pauahi Keiki Scholars (PKS) Scholarship follow a keiki until next eligibility in grade 6?

A: No, PKS is a separate scholarship program for preschool only and award will not follow keiki into kindergarten.

Q: What will happen with current Kipona recipients?

A: KS will continue to support current Kipona recipients as long as they fulfill annual requirements. (e.g. take a disbursement, promoted to the next grade level, completing service hours, etc)

Q: What will the maximum amount be given for recipients for 2020-2021?

A: Awards will remain the same as prior year: Grade K-5: \$7,000; Grade 6-12: \$9,000

Q: Did KS notify current Kipona families who plan to apply a younger sibling to the program?

A: KS will communicate to families by email identifying new entry points for SY21-22.

Q: What happens to children whose parents were planning to move from PKS to Kipona in 2021-2022?

A: PKS awardees are not given preference for the Kipona Scholarship program. Those families will need to apply for consideration at an open entry point.