

Kipona & Private School Partnership Transition Scholarship Program Fact Sheet

This fact sheet is designed to help you understand and compare the Kipona Scholarship Program and the Private School Partnership Transition Scholarship Program

KIPONA

Eligibility:

- Determined annually based on the family's financial need and recognized tuition costs of the private school. [Participating schools](#) are listed on the KS website.

Flexibility in School Enrollment:

- Award may be used at another participating school if the recipient does not enroll in the school identified on the award letter.
- Non-transferable to another grade, student, school year, or KS program.

Federal Income Tax Return

- KS will request your tax form to verify financial data.

Award Adjustment:

- Initial award amount is the maximum and may decrease based on actual tuition costs.

Minimum Family Contribution

- Families must contribute a minimum of \$100 annually towards the recipient's tuition, already included in the award.

PRIVATE SCHOOL

PARTNERSHIP TRANSITION (PSPT)

Eligibility:

- Must have received a KS-funded scholarship at one of the specified schools in 2024-2025.
 - Aka'ula School
 - Assets School
 - Island Pacific Academy
 - Island School
 - St. Andrew's Schools
 - St. Louis School

Termination of Award for Non-Enrollment:

- If not enrolled and attending the specified school, the award is terminated, and the student is ineligible for future years.
- Non-transferable to another school, grade, student, school year, or KS program.

Fixed Award Amount:

- Set at the amount received in 2024-2025 and will not be adjusted.

----- REQUIREMENTS THAT APPLY TO BOTH KIPONA AND PSPT -----

RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Must complete your Private Schools' requirements to progress to the next grade level.
- Recipients must reapply each year, meet all eligibility requirements, and submit completed applications by the deadline. For non-entry grade levels, applicants need renewal status from the previous year.
- Must fulfill assessment and/or testing requirements as notified by KS.
- Must fulfill the agreed upon terms and conditions when accepting awards.
- Failure to meet the responsibilities may result in ineligibility for next school year (2026-2027).

CHANGE IN CONTACT INFO

Update Financial Aid in writing of any changes in address, phone number and/or email address within 30 days by emailing ksrc@ksbe.edu.

REPAYMENT

KS reserves the right to request repayment of awarded funds or cancel/suspend an award if KS determines that recipient's Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) have not met the Terms and Conditions.

HO'OU LU KAIĀULU SERVICE ACTIVITY HOURS

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) and Student(s) are required to perform community service from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

| Community Service Hour Requirements | | | |
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| KIPONA | | PSPT | |
| | | Grades PreK-3 | 10 Service Hours |
| Grade 5 | 15 Service Hours | Grades 4-5 | 15 Service Hours |
| Grade 6-12 | 20 Service Hours | Grades 6-12 | 20 Service Hours |

Community Service Hours must be:

- Completed within the current scholarship year
- Performed with a non-profit organization or your school
- Completed for each awarded child
- Unpaid

Community Service Hours cannot benefit:

KS students, staff, programs and/or political campaigns, programs or parties

Community Service Hours should fall under one of the following activities:

HO'OU LU KAIĀULU CATEGORIES



'Ike and nohona Hawai'i (Hawaiian knowledge and culture)

Activities that give opportunity to strengthen your Hawaiian identity, language, culture and practices



Papahana (Workshops and classes)

Activities that foster personal growth and incorporate newfound knowledge into daily life



E Kōkua Kākou (Community Service)

Voluntary work intended to help and support people, organizations, or the environment in a specific community