

Pauahi Keiki Scholars (PKS) SC Information Session (Thu, 1/24/19)

Q: Does multi-year awarded students who change schools, need to reapply?

A: No. The student does not need to reapply. KS FASS will reevaluate the student's award based on the new school's tuition rate.

Q: How can families determine whether they are a multi-year or one-year awardee? How did KS determine the multi-year students?

A: Keiki who were born in 2015 and currently receiving the PKS Fall Scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year are multi-year and do not need to reapply for SY 2019-2020.

Q: Will multi-year awardees get notified again in May?

A: Yes, they will need to re-accept their award for SY 2019-2020.

Q: Will multi-year students' awards increase for SY 2019-2020 if tuition goes up?

A: Awarding students for multi-year is new this year 2018-2019. The multi-year award is a pilot program, KS will need to research and recommend whether to increase the award amount for SY 2019-2020.

Q: Can parents apply for both Kipona & PKS?

A: No. The parent needs to determine if their keiki will be enrolled in Kindergarten or continue preschool enrollment. If the student is continuing Preschool, the student will be eligible for PKS. However, if the parent indicated Kindergarten on the application, the student will be ineligible for PKS and be eligible for Kipona, if the Kipona fund and school is reflected in the application. The parent cannot apply to both PKS and Kipona Scholarships. If parent selected preschool and plans for the child to attend Kindergarten then the parents will need to notify KS FASS in writing to switch scholarships.

Q: Is multi-year 2-or-3 years?

A: Multi-year is a 2-year award.

Q: Does the multi-year award affect the child for kindergarten?

A: No. Multi-year awards does not affect the families for kindergarten.

Q: For multi-year awards, if the families have a change in their financial situation, can a reconsideration be submitted?

A: Yes. KS FASS has a reconsideration process. The change to their financial situation must have occur within 30 days from receiving notification. After the 30 days has passed, the family is not eligible for financial reconsideration.

Q: How do families know about the reconsideration process?

A: The reconsideration form and information is posted at the KS website. KS accepts reconsideration using the form, an email, or a written letter. The reconsideration needs to be received by KS within 30 days after the notification.

Q: If keiki applied for PKS scholarship, is it guaranteed the keiki will be eligible for the Kipona Scholarship?

A: No. An application must be submitted for the Kipona scholarship program.

Q: Is the PKS application financial review based on income only?

A: The review process is based on income, assets, expenses, equity, etc.

Q: How were families notified that their keiki qualified for a multi-year award?

A: Families were notified of the multi-year award (two-years) via e-mail notification via TADS. Duration stated: August 2018 – July 2020. KS FASS is currently reviewing and working on 2019-2020 multi-year award process.

Q: Can a school collaborator view community service if a family completed their hours?

A: For school year 2018-2019, the school collaborator cannot view a family's hours. If the school doesn't receive a disbursement, please contact KS. The disbursement will be held because of missing school enrollment information, report card submission, or community service hours. However, for school year 2019-2020, this information will be available on the portal.

Q: Can families complete the 20 hours of community service in the beginning of the school year?

A: Yes. The families may complete the 20 hours. However, when submitting the hours, the hours must be submitted by quarters (5 hours each quarter).

Q: School Collaborators know parents are submitting attendance and community service hours incorrectly. Does KS audit the information submitted? How can the school collaborator assist KS?

A: Yes. KS FASS conducts an audit on 5% of the submission. Schools may request KS to conduct a random audit of the school's families.

Q: Can a school collaborator market they are KS school collaborator participant?

A: Yes. The school collaborator may advertise they are a KS school collaborator participant, but cannot use the KS Logo.

Q: Does a PKS school collaborator need to apply annually?

A: No. However, please submit the updated licenses and accreditation to KS.

Q: Can keiki use the PKS scholarship for summer school?

A: Yes. Award is based from August to July.

Q: If the school is a 10-month school, will KS cover summer school?

A: Yes. KS will confirm with the school the school's tuition rate.

Q: Does the PKS scholarship cover for summer school enrollment for Kindergarten?

A: No. The PKS award will not cover for Kindergarten summer school and the PKS award will be terminated. Keiki must be enrolled in Preschool summer school to receive assistance.

Q: If the school has a 4-year old Kindergarten class, are the keiki eligible for PKS?

A: No. If the class is for 4-year old Kindergarteners, the keiki is not eligible for PKS or summer school.

Q: If keiki receives Preschool Open Doors (POD) does KS adjust the PKS award amount? Does KS notify the school of the change in award amount?

A: Yes. KS will adjust the award amount and will notify school of award amount change via TADS. School should inform KS if keiki is receiving a non-KS subsidy (i.e. POD, CCC, and etc.).

Q: Will there be a PKS Cycle 2 for the 2019-2020 school year?

A: KS is considering a cycle 2 for 2019-2020 school year and will communicate to the schools whether a cycle 2 is being offered.

Q: Were any keiki awarded for multi-year for PKS Cycle 2?

A: No. PKS Cycle 2 awardees were not awarded multi-year even if they were born in 2015. These families need to reapply for school year 2019-2020.

Q: Does PKS Cycle 2 awardees need to apply for school year 2019-2020?

A: Yes. PKS Cycle 2 families need to apply for school year 2019-2020 by submitting the TADS financial assessment.

Q: Does the portal have a method to report changes?

A: No. There is no automatic notification.

Q: When sending notifications, is the award amount final?

A: No. Changes to the award amount occurs constantly (changes in subsidy amounts, change of keiki's school, etc.)