



# KAHUAPONO

## 2025 Summer Program Application



THREE  
MOUNTAIN  
ALLIANCE

Applications must be postmarked by: May 6, 2025

Mail application to:

We will send you an email notification confirming receipt of your application.

**'Imi Pono no ka 'Āina  
University of Hawai'i at Hilo  
200 W. Kāwili St.  
Hilo, HI 96720-4091**

You will be notified of your acceptance status by **May 15th, 2025**. Please note that we have limited space available. Applications are open to Hawai'i Island residents only. We select students based on application responses, references, and availability.

### Program Details and Expectations

The Kahuapono two week program provides immersive experiences to unique natural ecosystems across Hawai'i Island. We will meet with environmental stewards who share a passion for mālama 'āina and engage in restoration projects. Students should be interested in learning more about the natural and cultural history of Hawai'i Island.

We often will be away from modern facilities and in remote areas, traveling and working in varying weather conditions and terrain. Some program activities require physical labor, and we will be hiking at many of our sites.

Students must be to be responsible and respectful, behave appropriately, stay positive, and take initiative in a group setting. Students need to be comfortable being away from home and their family for one night.

Students will reflect on learning experiences by responding to daily questions in a field journal. Students will be expected to think critically and listen actively. Program activities will require students to share their thoughts out loud and in writing. Be prepared to learn and have fun in both indoor and outdoor settings!

If you would like more information about the program, the ADA policy, or need assistance with the application process, please contact us at [imipononokaaina@gmail.com](mailto:imipononokaaina@gmail.com).

### Student Information

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name that you go by (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender (circle one):** Male Female Other

**School Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade level completing in 2025:** 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

**Parent/Guardian (First & Last Name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Phone Number:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Email (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Residential Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Program Schedule and Availability

### Important Dates

- **Program Dates: July 7-18th**, (M-F only) students are required to participate for the full duration of the program.
- **Program Orientation: June 5th** 4:00 pm-6:30 pm, this is mandatory for the student and parent or legal guardian.
- **Student Mele & Personal Introduction Session: June 28th**, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

### Program Information

- Transportation will be provided for participants in the program from Hilo.
- Program consists of day trips (**7:30 am to 4:00 pm**) and one overnight camp trip from July 15th-16th.

**Do you have any plans that will interfere with your complete participation in the program?**

No

Yes, specify dates and times: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you applied to this program before?**

No

Yes, When? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us?

**Please check all that apply:**  Classroom Presentation  Teacher/School  Social Media  Flyer  
 Email  Website  Family/Friend (Name and how did they hear about it?) \_\_\_\_\_

## Short Answer Questions

**QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED BY THE STUDENT IN THEIR OWN HANDWRITING, NOT THE PARENT**

Space provided for answers is limited. If you need more space, you may continue your answers on a separate piece of paper and attach it to the application. PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY & NEATLY.

**1) WHO ARE YOU? Tell us about yourself. What interests you? What activities do you enjoy doing in and out of school? Why do you enjoy them? What makes you unique?**

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**List five words you would use to describe your personality:**

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**2) Describe 1-2 of your experiences or skills (extracurricular, family, or school activities, school projects, hobbies, etc.) that demonstrate your desire and ability to work outdoors and/or learn about the environment.**

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