

2025 OHCRA SCHOLARSHIPS & REQUIREMENTS



SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Empowering Paddlers Beyond the Canoe

The OHCRA Educational Scholarship supports paddlers pursuing higher education in college, graduate school, or trade programs—regardless of age. With three \$3,000 awards and six \$1,000 awards available, this opportunity is open to all registered and active OHCRA paddlers who participate in at least one OHCRA-sanctioned race during the current season. Applicants are asked to submit an essay reflecting on the future of OHCRA, canoe paddling, and leadership within their own clubs. In addition, all applicants are required to volunteer for two shifts at the OHCRA regattas during the season. Winners will be announced at the OHCRA Championship Regatta.

Deadline: July 13, 2025 at 5pm.(John D. Kaupiko Regatta)

Apply by submitting an essay and completing the application form and volunteer sign-up.

Available Awards

1. \$3,000 Scholarships - 3ea
2. \$1,000 Scholarships - 6ea

Applicant Requirements

1. ANY paddler looking to further their education (College, Trade School, Graduate Programs)
2. Applicants must be a registered OHCRA paddler for the current calendar year
3. Applicants must be an active paddler (race at least one OHCRA sanctioned race) for the current calendar year.

Application (Due 7/13/25 5pm John D. Kaupiko Regatta)

1. Fill out the [Secondary Education Scholarship Application Form](#)
2. Write an essay answering each question below and email it to scholarship@ohcra.com. It should have be a minimum of 1.5 pages and no more than 2 pages.
 - a. **What does leadership mean to you, and how have you demonstrated leadership in your community, school, or paddling experiences?**
(We are looking for insights into your understanding of leadership and how you've shown initiative, responsibility, and the ability to inspire or guide others in a meaningful way.)
 - b. **Describe a time when you faced a challenge and how you overcame it. What did you learn from this experience, and how will it inform your approach to leadership in the OHCRA Alaka'i program?**
(This question aims to gauge your problem-solving skills, resilience, and growth mindset. We want to know how you handle obstacles and the lessons you take from difficult situations.)
3. Volunteer - Applicants must volunteer for two shifts during the 2025 regatta season races. Use the [Volunteer Shift Request Form](#) to schedule your volunteer shifts. Shifts are on a first come first served basis. You will be assigned where needed.