

2025 OHCRA SCHOLARSHIPS & REQUIREMENTS



YOUTH PADDLE SCHOLARSHIP

E hāpai i nā ‘ōpio - Putting Paddles in the Hands of Our Future

Canoe paddling is more than just a sport—it’s a connection to our culture, our community, and our ‘āina. The **Youth Paddle Scholarship** is OHCRA’s commitment to supporting the next generation of paddlers by providing the essential equipment they need to succeed.

This scholarship will award **24 PALAFAMALA paddles** to deserving youth paddlers across OHCRA’s 22 member clubs. These high-quality paddles are reserved specifically for young athletes who show a genuine passion for the sport but may not have the means to purchase their own.

We understand that having your own paddle can transform a paddler’s confidence, consistency, and connection to the canoe. That’s why this scholarship was created: to remove financial barriers and uplift youth who are dedicated to growing in the sport—especially those who are just beginning their paddling journey.

Deadline: Sunday May 25, 2025 6pm

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

Available Awards

1. 24 PALAFAMALA paddles will be awarded - *These paddles retail for \$395 each*
2. Paddles will be distributed evenly across OHCRA clubs whenever possible
3. Recipients will be recognized for their dedication and promise in the sport

Who Should Apply?

1. Youth paddlers who currently **do not own a paddle**
2. Paddlers who display **enthusiasm, commitment, or potential** in canoe paddling
3. Youth who may face **financial challenges** in purchasing equipment
4. Applicants must be active within their club and recommended by a current coach

Application

1. Complete the [Paddle Scholarship Application Form](#) and upload your coaches letter of recommendation.

This scholarship is an invitation to our ‘ōpio: **E holomua me ka ha‘aheo**. Move forward with pride. Let your paddle be your guide, and let your journey in the wa‘a strengthen your voice, your ‘ohana, and your lāhui.