



## Dr. Isabella Kauakea Aiona Abbott Scholarship Fund

### Scholarship Application – Fall 2025 POSTMARK DEADLINE – May 1, 2025

Nā Mamo O Mū`olea (NMOM) is a non-profit group whose mission is to “perpetuate traditional ahupua`a management of the Mū`olea ahupua`a; and to restore and maintain the area’s natural, cultural, scenic, historic, and marine resources for the benefit, education and enjoyment of our community and future generations.” Our vision is to build capacity within our Hāna Community; therefore, providing scholarship funds to local individuals in need to fulfill educational degrees.

To honor the life, work and achievements of Hāna-born scientist and researcher Dr. Isabella Kauakea Aiona Abbott, NMOM created a scholarship to help post-high school graduates pursuing a career in Botany, Ethnobotany, Marine Science, Hawaiian Studies or other Health and Environmental fields of study. (With preference given to Botany, Ethnobotany and Marine Science.)

Dr. Abbott was the first native Hawaiian to receive a PH.D in science. She is a world-renowned alga (limu) taxonomist and is the foremost expert on Central-Pacific algae. To her credit she has numerous books and has published more than 100 research papers. She is the leading expert on Hawaiian limu and dedicated her life to protecting Hawaii’s reef ecosystems. As a Professor of Ethnobotany at UH Manoa, she mentored and influenced many of her students to pursue careers in Ethnobotany and Marine Science. In 2005 “Tutu Abbott” as she is affectionately known was honored as a Living Treasure of Hawai’i. She passed away in 2010 at the age of 91.

#### **TERM AND CONDITIONS:**

The Nā Mamo o Mū`olea Scholarship will award monies to be used toward tuition, fees, books, and other required tools or uniforms for a vocational program. Scholarship checks are mailed directly to the financial aid office. *If you are given an award, you must contact NMOM by June 30, 2025, and provide all relevant information so we may mail your check to your school.* You are responsible for providing your College Student ID#, School’s Mailing Address, and the Contact Person’s name. If this information is not provided, NMOM is not responsible for the non-issuance of your award.

If you have any questions or need more information, contact us via email at

[scholarship@muolea.org](mailto:scholarship@muolea.org) OR [muolea@muolea.org](mailto:muolea@muolea.org)

**Nā Mamo o Mū`olea**

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## Nā Mamo o Mū`olea – Scholarship Application FALL 2025

Postmark Deadline – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

*Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.*

### **PART 1: Application Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated/ing \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Hawaiian or Part Hawaiian ancestry? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the first in your family to attend a post-high school program? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a lineal descendant of the Hui O Mū`olea of 1863? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_

### **PART 2: Program Information**

Name of program/major (No acronyms): \_\_\_\_\_

School, you plan to/are attending? \_\_\_\_\_

When did/will you start this program? \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

What degree/certificate will you earn? \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA (Most recent semester) \_\_\_\_\_

### **PART 3: Hopes and Dreams**

*Write an essay answering the following questions.*

- What is your program of study? Why did you select this career path? What are some experiences (work experience, family and/or personal situation, etc.) that got you interested in this career path?
- At the end of your training or education what job will you be seeking? Name a few of your strengths and experiences that make you well suited for such employment.
- How do you feel this job will benefit Ka Lāhui Hawai'i and/or Hawai'i Pae'āina?
- Tell about any volunteer service or community service activities you've done, that has benefitted your community.

**Part 4: Letter of Recommendation** – Submit a letter of recommendation from a Teacher, Counselor or NON-Relative Community Member.

### **Part 5: Summary**

CHECKLIST OF ITEMS TO SUBMIT:

\_\_\_\_ Acceptance letter from educational institution.

\_\_\_\_ Copy of Fall 2025 Class Schedule

\_\_\_\_ Letter of Recommendation

\_\_\_\_ Hopes and Dreams Essay

\*\*\*Note: Award recipients are required to participate in NMOM activities. Please check the area (you are welcome to choose more than one) you are willing to volunteer at.\*\*\*

**I recognize that in “giving back”, I am supporting the sustainability of our community and its resources.**

‘Opihi Surveys \_\_\_\_\_

Community and Educational Outreach \_\_\_\_\_

‘Āina/Kai Clean Up Efforts \_\_\_\_\_

Hāna Limu Festival \_\_\_\_\_

Special Projects (Overview of proposal necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*I certify the information is true and correct.\*\*\*

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Applicant Name

Date