

MCINERNY FOUNDATION
Bank of Hawaii, Trustee

Grant Application Information for Tuition Aid Program Support

Tuition Aid Program - Grantmaking Policies

Application for Tuition Aid program grants are accepted from qualified tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable learning institutions serving children from preschool through 12th grade throughout the state of Hawaii.

Generally, the Foundation prefers to be one of several contributors to a school's tuition aid program, expecting the school to acquire needed funds from several sources to assure the continuation of the program in the future.

The trust document specifically excludes support to churches and organizations which proselytize, encourage theology, sectarianism, spiritualism, religion or any system of religious worship. The Foundation does not give tuition aid to individuals; and does not provide grants for school endowments.

The Distribution Committee generally will accept only one request a year from an organization. The exception to this policy is a tuition aid program request which will be considered in addition to one other request from a school.

NOTE: In the interest of public causes, McInerny Foundation has long required that all directors make a personal annual financial contribution, at some level, to the support of the organization; in addition to participating in fundraising activities.

Accreditation Policy

McInerny Foundation Distribution Committee requires all schools submitting a request for tuition aid to be accredited by one of the following accrediting bodies:

Schools: preschool through third grade programs, including childcare and after-school care programs:

NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children), or
NECPA (National Early Childhood Program Accreditation)

Schools: any or all grade levels from Pre-K through 12th grade programs; or a college/university

WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges)

NOTE: All accrediting information and verification must be included with the Accreditation & Information Form for Tuition Aid (Form A, Page 4).

Pending Accreditation Policy

Requests will be accepted from schools that have received a tuition aid award in the past from McInerny Foundation, and are NOT yet accredited, **providing** the school has applied for accreditation with one of the above accrediting entities **prior** to submitting a request to McInerny Foundation. Pending accrediting information and verification must be included with the ***Accreditation & Information Form for Scholarship/Tuition Aid (forms A & B on pages 4 & 5).***

DEADLINE: Requests must be submitted by 11:59 PM on NOVEMBER 15

Requests for schools' tuition aid programs are normally reviewed during the first quarter of the year. There may be times due to unforeseen circumstances or unusually high volume, that a request may not be reviewed in time for the intended program/project. An average of 90 - 120 days is required to process a proposal, allowing for a possible site visit and for studying the proposal in relation to other activities of the Foundation.

Applicants are notified in writing of the action taken on their requests. The Foundation receives more requests for assistance than its funds permit supporting; however, normally, all applications are considered, and each is acted upon according to its current and projected relative merit, provided it is in keeping with the deed of trust.

NOTE: *Although not ordinarily required, an audited financial statement may be requested if circumstances warrant.*

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