



## Project Hōkūlani Adult Recommendation Form

Mahalo for being a reference! The student that you are providing a reference for is applying for Project Hōkūlani.

Project Hōkūlani is a research project run by faculty and researchers at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with a U.S. Department of Education, Native Hawaiian Education Program (Award # S362A200035, #S362A210073). The goal is to increase the number of Native Hawaiian high school students, including students with disabilities, who intend to enter into postsecondary science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields by developing and providing a work-based, strength-based, and culturally responsive program.

This student is applying to participate in the *internship program component* of our program. In this program track, students will gain introductory skills and knowledge at a STEM internship site under the guidance of a working STEM professional.

To learn more about the different program components of Project Hōkūlani, please visit our project website (<https://cds.coe.hawaii.edu/hokulani/>) for more information.

Please complete the questions listed below by **Thursday, November 30, 2023**.

If you prefer, you can also complete the online (Google Form) version at:

<https://go.hawaii.edu/y6q>

1. Today's date (MM/DD/YYYY):

2. Your first name and last name:

3. Your contact information:

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Phone Number

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E-Mail

4. Name of student you are providing a reference for:

5. How long have you known the student and in what capacity or relationship?

6. The table below lists different areas of strengths. For each category, choose the number that best describes the student applicant currently, using a **10-point Likert-scale (1-Very low; 5-Average; 10-Very high)**. *You can skip any category that you did not have a chance to observe yet.*

<b>Category A: Abilities &amp; Willingness to Learn</b>
Rating (1-10):
Comment:
<b>Category B: STEM-Related Skills and Characteristics</b> Includes: (1) scientist-like thinking skills, (2) interest and curiosity in science, (3) valuation of learning science, and (4) motivation in learning science.
Rating (1-10):
Comment:
<b>Category C: Professional and Career Development Potential</b> Includes (1) action orientation, (2) realistic self-assessment, (3) valuation of doing a STEM internship, and (4) motivation in doing a STEM internship
Rating (1-10):
Comment:
<b>Category D: Communication, Teamwork, and Leadership Skills</b> Includes (1) social interaction skills, (2) awareness of what other people need, and (3) guiding others as caring about their perspectives, emotional state, success, and well-being
Rating (1-10):
Comment:

<b>Category E. Creative Thinking and Problem Solving</b>
Rating (1-10):
Comment:

7. Please describe why you believe this student will make a good applicant for Project Hōkūlani. Include interactions that you may have had with the student or have seen the student have with others, observed attitude and strengths, and any other relevant information.

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8. What qualities of the student do you think that we need to help him, her or they build more when admitted to Project Hōkūlani?

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9. Answer Question 9, 9a and 9b only if you are a **parent/guardian** of the student.

Does your child have a disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9a. If Yes, what type of disability does your child have? Check all that apply. If this student is selected for our program, we will contact the student and family to accommodate his/her needs.

- ☐ Specific learning disability
- ☐ Other health impairment
- ☐ Autism spectrum disorder
- ☐ Emotional disturbance
- ☐ Speech or language impairment
- ☐ Visual impairment, including blindness
- ☐ Deafness
- ☐ Hearing impairment
- ☐ Deaf-blindness
- ☐ Orthopedic impairment
- ☐ Intellectual disability
- ☐ Traumatic brain injury

9b. Describe what accommodation your child needs for learning and working.

**Mahalo for supporting our student applicants!**

Please mail the completed form to:

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