

## Hawaii Preparatory Academy Summary

**Mission:** To provide high quality college preparatory education and extra-curricular activities.

**Category:** Youth

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**Grant History:** N/A

<b>2025 Request:</b>	<b>\$20,000 for general operating support</b>
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**Notes:**

- Private school providing high quality education and opportunities for Kindergarten through graduation and post-graduate work.
- Rural location on Big Island of Hawaii.
- Students are local, from the mainland, and all over the world.
- School admission fairs conducted world-wide (Dubai, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, etc.)
- Boarding school.
- Tuition:
  - Annual Day School Tuition:
    - K-5 \$27,700
    - 6-8: \$31,000
    - 9-12: \$35,800
  - Boarding (not sure if year-round or school year)
    - HI resident: \$65,200
    - USA resident: \$71,400
    - International: \$83,900





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Kamuela, HI 96743

January 31, 2025

To the Board of the L.H. Dorcy Foundation:

Thank you sincerely for considering this proposal for funding! Hawai'i Preparatory Academy (HPA) is a leading independent K-12 school located on Hawai'i Island. As the only institution of its kind in this rural region, for 75 years, HPA has provided an unparalleled educational experience for families who have no other comparable options for their children. With a mission to provide exceptional education in a diverse community while honoring the traditions of Hawai'i, HPA is deeply committed to preparing students for academic success, environmental stewardship, and community leadership. Our innovative programs, focus on sustainability, and robust financial aid initiatives ensure that our student body thrives academically and personally.

### Amount of Request

HPA respectfully requests a grant of \$20,000 from the Dorcy Foundation to support our general operations, allowing us to continue providing high-quality education and essential resources to our students and community.

### The Need Being Addressed

As an institution devoted to K-12 education, every aspect of HPA's mission, vision, and daily operation is tied to our students and their learning. HPA fills a genuine need for our Hawai'i Island community, where options for an outstanding college preparatory education are extremely limited. Furthermore, HPA is the only school on the island with a global boarding program and a focus on training the next generation of environmental leaders.

Hawai'i Island faces significant educational and economic challenges. Approximately 49% of public school students in the state are considered economically disadvantaged, and the island's rural location presents obstacles to accessing high-quality academic programs. Standardized test scores in Hawai'i's public schools consistently rank below national averages, with only 36% of students achieving proficiency in English Language Arts and 27% in math. Additionally, Hawai'i Island has one of the highest rates of food insecurity in the state, with nearly 14% of residents, including 18% of children, lacking consistent access to nutritious meals.

### Day Student Tuition

K-5	\$27,700
6-8	\$31,000
9-12	\$35,800

### Board

<u>In-State Boarding (7 day/wk)</u>	
9-12	\$65,200
USA 9-12	\$71,400
International	\$83,900



HPA plays a critical role in addressing these challenges by providing a rigorous, well-rounded education in a region with few alternatives. We also invest heavily in financial aid to ensure that the HPA experience is accessible to students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.

### **How HPA is Meeting the Need**

HPA meets these needs through a combination of rigorous academic programming, a robust financial aid program, meaningful community partnerships, and an abiding commitment to educating the next generation of environmental leaders.

HPA students have a long history of success in traditional measures of academic achievement. Our place-based educational experiences are supported by a core curriculum that expands to offer greater individual choice in the junior and senior years. Projects are embedded into each class at HPA to support experiential learning and to prepare students to engage in deeper research as part of capstone projects. Though standardized tests are not a perfect metric, they are nonetheless one point of data we can share. The average SAT scores for the class of 2024 were 639 for math and 567 for English. The average ACT score was 22. Last year, HPA offered 17 AP courses, and our students took a total of 263 AP exams. Seventy-nine percent of students earned a score of 3 or higher. Over the last twenty-five years, 97% of HPA graduates have chosen to attend four-year colleges and universities, with the remaining choosing community colleges, gap years, or work.

In addition, there are myriad tools, collaborations, and initiatives at HPA to support student wellness and social and emotional development, for every student at every grade level. Perhaps most fundamental to the school's work on this front is the long-standing effort to sincerely embrace the thread of our mission dedicated to "honoring the traditions of Hawai'i." For HPA, honoring Hawaiian culture is an essential part of training global citizens who are curious and open to ideas, while also being rooted in community and grounded in a sense of place.

When HPA set forth our ambitious sustainability plan in 2019, the school intentionally included wellbeing and *lōkahi* (or balance, harmony) as part of our vision to *mālama kaiāulu* (care for our community of spirit, land, and people). A deep-seated love of the land is essential to sustainability work and part of leading HPA students to live fuller, more joyful lives.

While many institutions today are working toward environmental sustainability, HPA's efforts on this front are magnified by the role we have in educating and inspiring our

students as we make crucial operational changes. In addition to tackling the school's electrical infrastructure and energy capacity with audits and engineers, HPA is also inviting students to participate through individual projects, grade-level commitments, and collaborative classroom learning.

For example, students have designed robots to clean solar arrays, written a provision to a state tax credit to incentivize the installation of battery systems, used a heat-sensing drone to discover where water pipes on campus were leaking, observed and managed a classroom beehive... and on any given day, students may be knee-deep in a kalo crop, or deeply immersed in class discussions on the sacred nature and importance of water in Hawai'i.

Finally, HPA has a long-standing commitment to financial accessibility. We offer robust financial aid packages to ensure that talented students from diverse backgrounds can benefit from our education. By maintaining high-quality facilities and resources, we create a safe and engaging environment where students can thrive.

### **Broad-Based Clientele and Numbers Served**

HPA serves a diverse student body of over 600 students annually, from kindergarten through grade 12. Approximately 250 of these students are part of our boarding program, which draws young scholars from across Hawai'i, the continental United States, and over 20 countries worldwide. As the only independent school of our kind on the island, HPA is a crucial institution for families who otherwise would have to send their children far from home for a comparable education.

Beyond our student population, HPA engages with the broader community through outreach programs, partnerships with local organizations, and initiatives that support sustainability, education, and public service. One example of our broader impact in our Waimea community is our Sustainable Agriculture and Community Outreach Internship program, which helps address food insecurity in our region while providing students with hands-on learning opportunities. Over the past three years, HPA's two campus gardens have provided more than 13,000 pounds of fresh produce to seven community partners serving families in need across the region.

Other ways HPA serves our community include:

- College counseling opportunities for Native Hawaiian students from across the islands, including an intensive summer training programming exclusively for Native Hawaiian students led by College Horizons.



- A robust financial aid program that serves roughly half of our student body, distributing more than \$4 million annually in need-based grants.
- Place-based learning opportunities that connect students with local conservation efforts and community organizations, including Waimea Trails and Greenway, the W.M. Keck Observatory, NASA HI-SEAS, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

### **Geographic Region Covered**

HPA's reach extends across Hawai'i Island, with students and families coming from Waimea, Kohala, and beyond. Our programs also have an international impact through our boarding program and global education initiatives.

### **How L.H. Dorcy Foundation Grant Money Would Make a Difference**

A \$20,000 grant from the L.H. Dorcy Foundation would help us address the most critical needs across our campus by providing much-needed unrestricted support for HPA's general operations, ensuring that we can continue to deliver excellence in education. This funding would allow us to:

- Support faculty salaries and professional development to maintain high-quality instruction.
- Provide financial aid to students, increasing access to an HPA education for families in need.
- Maintain and improve classroom resources, technology, and facilities.
- Sustain extracurricular programs that enrich student learning and leadership development.
- Ensure operational flexibility to respond to unexpected challenges and opportunities.

Unrestricted funding is essential to HPA's ability to continue to thrive. By investing in our general operations, the L.H. Dorcy Foundation will help sustain a dynamic educational environment that empowers students to succeed academically and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

Thank you for considering our proposal. We deeply appreciate the L.H. Dorcy Foundation's commitment to supporting organizations that make a lasting difference, and we hope we will have the opportunity to partner with you in this important work.



## Hawai'i Preparatory Academy

### Primary Funding Sources

HPA's primary sources of revenue annually include tuition, endowment draw, and both restricted and unrestricted support from alumni, current and past parents, friends of the school, and foundation partners.

Foundations who have supported HPA, past and present, include:

The McInerny Foundation  
The Atherton Family Foundation  
Hawai'i Community Foundation  
First Hawaiian Bank Foundation  
G.N. Wilcox Trust  
Kukio Ho'omana Fund  
WHH Foundation  
Stevens World Peace Foundation  
The Cooke Foundation  
Samuel N. and Mary Castle Foundation  
The Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation  
The Healy Foundation  
Historic Hawai'i Foundation



## HAWAII PREPARATORY ACADEMY

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2024

(With Prior Year Comparative Information as of May 31, 2023)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash (including interest-bearing accounts)	\$ 8,836,994	\$ 3,584,917
Receivables – net	118,826	1,348,632
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	498,717	423,897
Artwork inventory	4,825,554	4,814,964
Investment securities	<u>29,409,279</u>	<u>25,237,608</u>
Total current assets	<u>43,689,370</u>	<u>35,410,018</u>
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property and equipment – net	50,740,268	49,670,627
Beneficial interest in Parker Ranch Foundation Trust	37,255,042	37,604,490
Beneficial interests in trusts held by others	23,486,456	20,863,367
Donated real estate held for investment	<u>751,070</u>	<u>751,070</u>
Total other noncurrent assets	<u>112,232,836</u>	<u>108,889,554</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 155,922,206</u>	<u>\$ 144,299,572</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 761,049	\$ 524,686
Accrued liabilities	1,645,523	2,148,561
Tuition and other deposits	13,924,164	4,833,858
Notes payable – current	<u>485,000</u>	<u>2,375,000</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>16,815,736</u>	<u>9,882,105</u>
<b>NONCURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Notes payable – noncurrent	2,036,811	2,554,751
Deferred revenue	<u>175,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>2,211,811</u>	<u>2,754,751</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>19,027,547</u>	<u>12,636,856</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Net assets without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	39,730,444	38,058,539
Board designated	<u>10,243,551</u>	<u>10,478,840</u>
Total net assets without donor restrictions	49,973,995	48,537,379
Net assets with donor restrictions	<u>86,920,664</u>	<u>83,125,337</u>
Total net assets	<u>136,894,659</u>	<u>131,662,716</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 155,922,206</u>	<u>\$ 144,299,572</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**HAWAII PREPARATORY ACADEMY**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

**For the Thirteen Months Ended June 30, 2024  
(With Prior Year Comparative Information for the Year Ended May 31, 2023)**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS</b>		
Revenue and support		
Tuition and fees – net	\$ 19,370,610	\$ 19,313,670
Net assets released from donor restrictions	3,812,260	3,162,904
Investment income – net	2,117,801	722,807
Contributions without donor restrictions	1,625,263	632,293
Special programs	1,281,446	970,257
Auxiliary services	420,043	381,122
In-kind contributions without donor restrictions	121,181	18,715
Other revenue and support	46,069	7,191
Total revenue and support	<u>28,794,673</u>	<u>25,208,959</u>
Expenses		
Educational services	22,288,838	21,009,581
Management and general	5,742,690	4,680,486
Fundraising and development	853,934	700,680
Total expenses	<u>28,885,462</u>	<u>26,390,747</u>
Revenue and support less expenses	(90,789)	(1,181,788)
Gain on sale of property and equipment	1,527,405	300
Increase (decrease) in net assets without donor restrictions	<u>1,436,616</u>	<u>(1,181,488)</u>
<b>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS</b>		
Investment income – net	3,288,910	974,905
Changes in beneficial interests in trusts	2,273,641	(3,126,928)
Contributions with donor restrictions	1,271,309	1,880,532
Scholarship fundraising	392,224	478,450
Other changes in net assets with donor restrictions	210,618	165,338
In-kind contributions with donor restrictions	170,885	53,192
Net assets released from donor restrictions	<u>(3,812,260)</u>	<u>(3,162,904)</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets with donor restrictions	<u>3,795,327</u>	<u>(2,737,415)</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>5,231,943</b>	<b>(3,918,903)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS – Beginning of year</b>	<b><u>131,662,716</u></b>	<b><u>135,581,619</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS – End of year</b>	<b><u>\$ 136,894,659</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 131,662,716</u></b>

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**HAWAII PREPARATORY ACADEMY**

**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

**For the Thirteen Months Ended June 30, 2024  
(With Prior Year Comparative Information for the Year Ended May 31, 2023)**

	Educational <u>Services</u>	Management and <u>General</u>	Fund- Raising and <u>Development</u>	2024 <u>Total</u>	2023 <u>Total</u>
Salaries and related benefits	\$ 15,335,853	\$ 3,076,843	\$ 674,389	\$ 19,087,085	\$ 17,562,548
Food services	1,723,436	7,137	-	1,730,573	1,739,754
Depreciation	1,535,633	80,823	-	1,616,456	1,554,330
General	537,158	457,565	-	994,723	905,851
Student activities	930,425	-	-	930,425	579,564
Professional fees	39,823	743,999	-	783,822	536,048
Insurance	575,930	23,784	5,909	605,623	508,345
Utilities	573,677	15,178	3,785	592,640	565,775
Technology	95,068	321,663	42,297	459,028	295,977
Occupancy	364,717	46,890	760	412,367	657,222
Cost of goods sold	351,130	2,858	-	353,988	232,807
Repair and maintenance	16,789	332,430	-	349,219	325,087
Travel	49,892	120,178	5,602	175,672	126,227
Printing and publications	52,761	93,976	1,788	148,525	169,798
Advertising	82,890	50,004	-	132,894	125,955
Fundraising	-	-	119,079	119,079	40,682
Miscellaneous	287	103,345	-	103,632	30,022
Professional development	-	100,838	-	100,838	104,142
Interest	-	82,865	-	82,865	135,381
Membership dues	16,279	54,498	-	70,777	79,669
Recruiting	-	20,586	-	20,586	2,664
Postage	7,090	2,072	73	9,235	34,163
Bad debts	-	5,158	-	5,158	77,144
Meetings and conferences	-	-	252	252	1,592
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 22,288,838</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,742,690</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 853,934</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 28,885,462</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 26,390,747</u></b>

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