



UNIVERSITY of HAWAII®  
HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PĀLAMANUI

**ALOHA!**

Have you ever thought that college is *just not* an option?

Maybe you've been *told* that college isn't for you?

Well, it's time to make a change for the better!



If finances or life events have kept you from ever attending college, then you have an opportunity to enter a unique program that will:

- Create a learning environment that helps you to *succeed*.
- Provide scholarships *and* academic support.
- Allow you to *just try* taking a few college courses!
- Open the door to *additional* degree opportunities.

Ēlama & Hilo One Program Coordinator  
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## STUDENT FORM (PART 1 OF 2)

Fall 2023 – Spring 2024 Enrollment

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*Selection Completed by Program Coordinator*

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Sign & date this application form and submit it, along with the completed referral form, via:

**Postal Mail:**

Ēlama & Hilo One Program Coordinator  
Hawai'i Community College - Pāalamanui  
PO Box 1327  
Kailua Kona, HI 96745-1327

**Campus Location Drop-Off:**

Hawai'i Community College - Pāalamanui  
Attn: Ēlama & Hilo One Prog. Coordinator  
73-4225 Ane Keohokālole Hwy, Ēlama Bldg.  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

**Email Attachment:**

Office of Student Services  
[elamaone@hawaii.edu](mailto:elamaone@hawaii.edu)

**ALL application and referral materials MUST be RECEIVED by Noon on June 1, 2023**

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

(Please print, and include maiden name, if appropriate)

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Date of Birth:</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Cell Phone:</b>
<i>Do NOT use your assigned high school email address</i>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<i>Street or P.O. Box</i>	<i>Apt. City State Zip Code</i>

### Section 1: High School or Equivalency Information (GED or HI-SET)

- 1.1) High school name (or Equivalency Program): \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.2) Graduation date (or expected graduation date): \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.3) If received, list GPA from: 12<sup>th</sup> English: \_\_\_\_\_ Algebra I: \_\_\_\_\_ Algebra II: \_\_\_\_\_ Final Cumulative: \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 2: Prior College Information. Complete section ONLY if you attempted college credits

- 2.1) List all college(s) attended: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.2) Dates you attended: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.3) Degree(s) you earned (type/major): \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.4) Total credits attempted: \_\_\_\_\_ Total credits earned: \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 3: Hawai'i Residency Information

- 3.1) I certify I am a Hawai'i resident according to Hawai'i Community College policy?  Yes  No

#### Section 4: Financial Need Information

4.1) If possible, please submit the 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov).

- The priority deadline for maximum aid consideration is March 1, 2023.
- For financial aid eligibility requirements, forms, policies, and resources, visit [hawaii.hawaii.edu/financialaid](https://hawaii.hawaii.edu/financialaid) or call the Financial Aid Office at 808-934-2712.
- Submitting the FAFSA is optional. However, to receive maximum consideration for federal grants, in addition to institutional and external scholarships, completing the FAFSA is *highly encouraged*.

4.2) In elementary/high school, were you (or immediate ‘ohana) eligible for free or reduced lunch?

If Yes, indicate which one:  Free  Reduced

4.3) Does your household currently receive public assistance?  Yes  No

Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Section 8 Housing  Med-Quest Insurance  Other (List below)

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#### Section 5: Applying to Hawai‘i Community College

5.1) I applied & was accepted for admission to Hawai‘i Community College:  Yes  No

If you have not applied, please visit [hawaii.hawaii.edu/apply](https://hawaii.hawaii.edu/apply) to get started or contact the Program Coordinator at (808) 969-8865 for guidance with completing your admission to Hawai‘i Community College.

#### Section 6: Essay

Please explain any compelling barriers (beyond financial) that may prevent you from attaining a college education (include attachment, if needed). Will you enroll at Hawai‘i-CC without the Ēlama or Hilo One scholarship?

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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## Referrer Guide: Ēlama & Hilo One Program at Hawai'i CC - Pāalamanui

*“Before choosing your life’s road...give us ONE Year!”*

Established with funding from the Kūk'io Foundation, Kamehameha Schools, and other generous supporters, the Ēlama & Hilo One Program at Hawai'i Community College - Pāalamanui is a very special initiative that makes college possible for Hawai'i residents who have compelling barriers. Scholars can try a year of college for free while taking just a few classes or pursuing a certificate or associate degree.

## Comprehensive Commitment to Student Success

*We provide the following services to our students:*

- Financial support (up to 12 credits) to cover 100% of tuition, books, and fees during the first year of college.
- Academic and career counseling, and financial aid guidance.
- Tutoring, peer mentoring, college readiness workshops.
- Assistive technology.
- Upon successful completion of the first year, students who persist receive guidance on applying to scholarships and are well-prepared to access other financial aid resources. Wrap-around support continues beyond the first year of enrollment!

## 2023-2024 Eligibility and Student Profile

*The Ēlama & Hilo Program is limited to Hawai'i Residents who:*

- Completed a high school diploma or received a state-issued credential (i.e., GED or HiSET).
- Show proof of Hawai'i state residency (U.S. citizen or permanent resident) for the last 365 days.
- Do not have prior college experience.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Receive admission to Hawai'i-CC and pursue a certificate/degree program at Manono or Pāalamanui site.
- Experience barriers—beyond financial—that prevents entry and success in college.

## Role of the Referrer

*The strength of the referral is a major consideration during the application review. Referrers should understand the vision and goals of the Ēlama & Hilo One Program to:*

- Complete and submit a referral on behalf of an applicant to the program, and
- Demonstrate a deep understanding of how the applicant meets the eligibility requirements, citing specific examples and providing additional information where possible.

# THE ĒLAMA & HILO ONE REFERRAL FORM

Fall 2023 – Spring 2024 Enrollment

Referral For: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please clearly print applicant's first and last name)

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The information you provide will help determine the applicant's eligibility. Thank you!

## REFERRER INFORMATION

Name:	Organization (if applicable):		
Contact Phone No.:	Email:		
Relationship to Applicant:	Length of Relationship:	(Years)	(Months)

## Section 1: Referral Question

- 1.1) In your opinion, will the applicant attend college if he or she is not accepted in the Ēlama or Hilo One Scholarship program?  Yes  No

## Section 2: Referral Letter

Describe the specific and compelling barriers, beyond financial, which have prevented or may prevent the applicant from enrolling and succeeding in college. Will the student enroll at Hawai'i-CC without the Ēlama or Hilo One Program scholarship? Please provide your comments below or in an attachment if needed. Mahalo!

*Mahalo, For Your Referral!*

Referrer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_