Proof of Native Hawaiian Ancestry

Applicants are required to submit proof of Native Hawaiian Ancestry.

In accordance with 42.U.S.C.11711(3), “the term ‘Native Hawaiian ‘ means any individual who is

(A) a citizen of the United States, and

(B) a descendant of the aboriginal people who prior to 1778, occupied and exercised sovereignty in the area that now constitutes the State of Hawai‘i, as evidenced by –

   i. Genealogical records
   ii. Kūpuna (elders) or Kama‘aina (long-term community residents) verification, or
   iii. Birth records of the State of Hawai‘i.”

Applicants will submit an original (with embossed seal) certificate of birth that verifies Native Hawaiian ancestry. If Hawaiian ancestry is not listed, the Applicant will enclose an original (with embossed seal) certificate of birth, of the Applicant’s Native Hawaiian parent, along with Applicant’s birth certificate. Those with names not matching the original certificate of birth will submit copies of documents (marriage certificate / legal name change) demonstrating such name change.

Certificates of birth will be submitted along with other pertinent documents identified in the Application Process, Documents, and Forms Checklist.

All birth certificate mailed to NHHSP will be returned to the Applicant after the close of the Application Period.

Mail required documents to: Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program
ATTN: NHHSP Administrative Assistant
894 Queen Street
Honolulu HI 96813

Due no later than March 15, 2020