



Frequently Asked Questions
Kipona, Pauahi Keiki Scholars (PKS), Prek-12 Financial Aid

GENERAL INFORMATION

Q: What are the eligibility requirements for the Kipona Scholarship Programs?

A: New applicants applying to Kipona must:

- Be a Hawai'i resident (within 12 months of application date)
- Be enrolled in a KS participating school
- Complete the KS Admissions process (e.g. testing and Report Card submittal)
- Be entering kindergarten, Grade 6 and Grade 9
- Complete a TADS financial aid assessment

Q: What are the eligibility requirements for the PKS preschool Scholarship Programs?

A: Applicants applying to PKS must:

- Be a Hawai'i resident (within 12 months of application date)
- Born in 2015, 2016 or 2017
- Be enrolled in a KS participating school
- Complete a TADS financial aid assessment

Q: What are the program deadlines?

A: Program deadlines vary for new and returning applicants. The table below details the specific program deadlines:

Program	Admissions Deadline (New applicants must meet this deadline)	Financial Aid Deadline
Kipona Scholarship	September 30, 2019	
KS K-12 Financial Aid	September 30, 2019	February 28, 2020
PKS Preschool Scholarship	January 31, 2020	
KS Preschool Financial Aid	January 31, 2020	February 28, 2020

Q: I'm trying to apply for Kipona and PKS Scholarships, but TADS application is not allowing me to.

A: You can apply to only one scholarship program in TADS. However, if the applicant is born in 2015,

applicant may be considered for both programs. Send a written request to KS for participation in both programs.

Q: What if I have more than one child to apply for?

A: The TADS financial assessment is a family application. One application can be used to apply multiple applicants in the household for multiple Prek-12 financial aid and scholarship programs.

Q: Do current Kipona and/or PKS recipients from school year 2019-2020 need to reapply?

A: Yes, returning students must reapply annually for scholarship consideration.

Q: My child received a PKS scholarship for two-years (school year 19-20 and 20-21), do we need to reapply to receive the award?

A: No, PKS recipients who receive a two-year scholarship are not required to complete an application for school year 2020-2021.

APPLICATION

Q: What is TADS?

A: TADS is the third party vendor used to process KS Preschool through Grade 12 financial aid and scholarship applications.

Q: Is there an application fee?

A: Yes, the non-refundable application fee is \$32.00 and payable to TADS. All fees are paid through the online application process.

Q: Are fee waivers available to cover the cost of the application?

A: KS offers a limited number of fee waivers for qualified applicants.

Q: Who is required to complete an application?

A: Birth Mother and Father must complete an application. If Birth parents live in the same household, add other parent to application. If Birth parents live in separate household, separate applications must be completed.

Q: Can I use the same credentials to login as I did last year?

A: Yes, you may use your current login with TADS to complete the 2020-2021 financial assessment.

Q: What if I want to leave my online application and come back to it later?

A: Yes, you may log back in to the TADS system and complete the application at any time.

Q: If my circumstances change, can I change my application?

A: No, any circumstances occur after the program deadline will not be honored.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Q: What are the required documents that need to be submitted with my application?

A: See a general list of required documents in the table below:

Required Documents

1. Filed signed 2018 1040 form
2. All 2018 Schedules (C, E or F)
3. 2018 W2 Employer issued statements
4. Verification of Non-Filing Form (notary not required)
5. SNAP (Food Stamps), Cash (AFDC /TANF) benefit statement
6. Court approved custody document
7. Temporary Restraining Order document
8. Ward of the Court documentation

Q: How do I submit my required documents to TADS?

- A:
- 1) You may upload your documents directly to your application.
 - 2) You may fax your documents to 612-548-3326. Be sure to include your TADS reference number.
 - 3) You may mail your documents to TADS, 110 N 5th Street 2nd Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

Q: How do I know if TADS received my application and/or required documents?

A: Refer to your TADS form within 48 business hours of receiving your documents via fax, mail or upload.

Q: Will anyone contact me if I'm missing information?

A: KS will send email and/or phone call notifications each month if your application is incomplete.

Q: May I visit my local resource office to submit documents?

A: You are always welcome to visit us at any of our kōkua locations for assistance with your financial aid and scholarship needs. However, all application and required documents must be submitted to TADS for processing.

REVIEW

Q: How does KS determine financial need?

A: Our PreK-12 Financial Aid and Scholarship Programs are need based. KS uses the information you provide on your application and supporting documents to calculate your Household Contribution to Education (HCE). The HCE is amount we estimate your family can contribute towards the applicant's education.

Q: What is the income level at which a family would be eligible for aid?

A: Because school costs and family situations vary considerably, there is no specific income limit that determines eligibility. We encourage everyone to apply if you feel you cannot meet your educational expenses.

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What if I have other questions?

In partnership with TADS we are here to help! You may contact either Kamehameha Schools or TADS for assistance.

To contact TADS: Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM Central Time at [800-477-8237](tel:800-477-8237), support@tads.com or through our online chat at www.mytads.com.

To contact Kamehameha Schools: Please contact the Oahu Resource Center (ORC) at (808) 534-8080 or toll free at 1-800-842-4682, and then press 2.