

About Ka'ala Farm

Ka'ala Farm Inc. KFI is a non-profit organization that provides cultural and environmental educational programs in the upper Wai'anae valley for school children, families, and interested groups. The organization grew out of a community vision firmly rooted in the large cultural kīpuka that is Wai'anae and has dedicated over 30 years to creating additional kīpuka – places where our ancestral knowledge lives on through youth, where thriving ahupua'a are living examples of healthy, maintained watersheds, and where our Hawaiian traditions are carried forth in a way that makes our people and our communities strong.

Mission

The mission of Ka'ala Farm Inc. is to reclaim and preserve the living culture of the Po'e Kahiko (people of old) in order to strengthen the kinship relationships between the 'āina (land, that which nourishes) and all forms of life necessary to sustain the balance of life on these vulnerable islands.

Apply

Application deadline: **MAY 15, 2020**

To apply:

- Download the printable form. Form can be found on internship webpage: kaalafarm.org/internship
- Fill out form and submit through our website form with a photocopy of your student ID.
- Upon receipt of your application, we will contact you to schedule an interview. Interviews are scheduled for the **week of May 18, 2020**.

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Ka'ala Aloha 'Āina Leadership Academy



*~Training up a new generation of
Wai'anae youth leaders~*



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Internship Mission

The goal of the internship is to reintroduce the Wai‘anae moku to the youth of Wai‘anae, allowing them view it through the lens of Wai‘anae’s mo‘olelo ku‘una (traditional histories, stories, and tales). We believe that in doing this, the youth of Wai‘anae and their ‘ohana will be imbued with a sense of cultural pride and will be encouraged to ensure the future care and protection of their beloved moku.

Throughout the course of the internship program, interns will develop within them a cultural foundation that will allow them to understand the world as it was perceived by ka po‘e kahiko (the people of old). Students will then learn how to apply traditional knowledge and strategies to modern day contexts and issues.



First Year

Using Ka‘ala Farm as the classroom, students and their ‘ohana participate in hands-on activities related to various ‘oihana kahiko (traditional Hawaiian trades) and learn the Hawaiian worldview and strategies that allowed them to develop an intimate connection with their environment while leading holistically healthy lives. The curriculum weaves together three main components:

- ‘Ike Ku‘una (Traditional Hawaiian Knowledge)
- ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i (Hawaiian Language, Thought & Expression)
- Aloha ‘Āina (Connection to Place)

Second Year

In the second year, students are tasked with taking on a leadership role in the community. Students will select a specific issue in the community that they wish to address, and will develop a solution in the form of a project. Their project will be informed by the cultural foundation that was established in the first year.

‘Ohana Component

The ‘ohana component provides an opportunity for families to learn, practice, and perpetuate cultural traditions together. ‘Ohana members will learn traditional skills and be provided the tools necessary to adopt these practices at home. Our hope is that this will lead to the strengthening of familial bonds around Hawaiian traditions.

Requirements

Intern must:

- be a 9th or 10th grade student from the Wai‘anae coast.
- commit to all program sessions.
- be a team player.
- be a diligent worker.
- be willing to actively participate in all program activities.
- bring an open mind.
- have at least one family member that is willing to commit to attending program events and ‘Ohana Workshops.

Other Benefits:

- Earn a summer stipend.
- Personal development (leadership/college/career skills)
- Network with native youth from around the country.
- Travel to other areas of significance.
- Reconnect to your cultural roots.

