



## THE ABRAHAM TANAKA/MARGARET FORTNER “DREAM BIG” SCHOLARSHIP Via Kapa‘a High School Foundation

The Abraham Tanaka/Margaret Fortner “DREAM BIG SCHOLARSHIP” established in 2021, will award a scholarship of \$2,500.00 to one Kapa‘a High School senior athlete attending a post-secondary educational institution upon graduation. The scholarship will be awarded to the student athlete who has made the greatest academic improvement and or demonstrates untapped potential and drive to succeed.

The *Dream Big Scholarship* was established by the Tanaka family as an expression of love and admiration for our father/grandfather, Abe Tanaka, Kapa‘a High School Class of 1949, and his beloved teacher, Margaret Fortner. Ms. Fortner saw a spark in Abe that went beyond his athletic talents and accomplishments. She encouraged Abe to dream big and inspired him to equally value academics with his love of sports. With Ms. Fortner’s guidance and unwavering belief in him, Abe flourished academically and athletically, eventually attending and graduating from Drake University. Abe then went on to become a fighter pilot in the United States Air Force, rising to the rank of Lt. Colonel. Throughout all of Abe’s success, he understood that nothing would be possible without Ms. Fortner. When Abe returned home to Kapa‘a, he immediately went to see Ms. Fortner to thank her and tell her of the tremendous impact she had in his life; unfortunately, Ms. Fortner had passed away. Over the years, Abe has carried great sadness and remorse that he was never able to thank his beloved teacher and tell her what a difference she made in his life. Ms. Fortner’s long-lasting impact is proof that it just takes one person to make a difference in someone’s life. This scholarship is dedicated to Ms. Fortner and is a way to pay her kindness and guidance forward to others.

*“Please make sure to appreciate and thank the people you love while they are still with us. Always Believe in yourself and Dream Big!”* Abe Tanaka, Kapa‘a High Class of 1949.

Scholarship applications are available at the Kapa‘a High School counselors’ office or online at the Kapa‘a High School Foundation’s website <http://kapaahighschoolfoundation.org> or official Facebook page. All applications must be received by **Monday, April 11, 2022**.

### Terms of Application for Scholarship

1. Applicant is a senior at Kapa‘a High School with a grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
2. Applicant has participated/been involved in athletics while attending Kapa‘a High School and has made academic improvement.
3. One-page type written double space personal essay addressing importance of balancing academics and athletics, how this scholarship will enhance future goals and how this opportunity could be used to pay it forward to others in the future
4. A letter of recommendation from current or past Kapa‘a High School teacher or coach highlighting applicants’ academic improvement and untapped potential for future success.
5. Applicant shall submit a copy of letter of acceptance from college or university that applicant will attend, or statement explaining acceptance before scholarship check is issued.
6. A brief resume summarizing student’s academic and athletic achievements, extracurricular activities, and community service.
7. Applicant must complete the application form through The Abraham Tanaka/Margret Fortner “Dream Big” Scholarship via the Kapa‘a High School Foundation, available at the counselors’ office or online at the Kapa‘a High School Foundation’s website or official Facebook page.
8. These documents should be legible and sent with the application form by email with attached scanned documents. See specific return instructions provided on page 2 of this document.

Deadline for applications is **Monday April 11, 2022. NO LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. RESPONSIBILITY FOR TIMELY SUBMISSION RESTS WITH THE APPLICANT.**

Guideline Criteria of Selection Committee: \*\*\*Resume and Personal Statement: 1 – 50 points

\*\*\*Letter of Recommendation: 1 – 50 points

**THE ABRAHAM TANAKA/MARGARET FORTNER “DREAM BIG” SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION  
Via Kapa’a High School Foundation**

**Applicant’s Full Name:**

(Last, First, MI): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:**

(Last, First, MI): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicants must include with this application:**

1. One-page type written double space personal essay addressing importance of balancing academics and athletics, how this scholarship will enhance future goals and how this opportunity could be used to pay it forward to others in the future
2. One letter of recommendation from a Kapa’a High School teacher or coach focused on applicant’s academic improvement and untapped potential for future success.
3. A resume summarizing student’s academic and athletic achievements, extracurricular activities and community service.
4. An official grade transcript is not required. In helping to keep with COVID-19 safety protocols, the student’s signature below gives consent for the Kapa’a High School Foundation Scholarship committee to obtain the student’s transcripts directly from the Kapa’a High School office.

I hereby declare that I have read all statements on the application form and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are correct and complete. I understand that if I am a recipient of this scholarship, I will make myself available and/or provide photos for publicity purposes for the Kapa’a High School Foundation, which may appear online or in print or digital media.

Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed applications and supporting documents should be scanned and emailed to the Kapa’a High School Foundation email address: [kapaahighfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:kapaahighfoundation@gmail.com), or properly sealed and dropped off at the Kapa’a High School Counselors Office: ATTN: Mrs. Joan Kealio.

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