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Travel scholarships for teachers to attend summer garden conference on O‘ahu

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—May 18, 2011—The Kōkua Hawai‘i Foundation is offering travel scholarships for neighbor island school garden teachers to attend the Hawai‘i School Garden Conference July 7-8 on O‘ahu.

To apply for travel scholarships, teachers should fill out the Environmental Education Mini-Grant Application, which is available online at www.kokuahawaii.org. Kōkua Hawai‘i Foundation will provide free transportation for up to 20 neighbor island teachers to attend the summer “Planting Seeds of Hope: Growing the Next Generation” conference.

The fourth annual Hawai‘i School Garden Conference will be held at Hoa ‘Āina O Mākaha Farm in Mākaha, O‘ahu. Hoa ‘Āina O Mākaha is the oldest continuing school garden in Hawai‘i. Hosting this year’s conference will be Gigi Cocquio and the staff of Hoa ‘Āina O Mākaha, The Kohala Center’s Hawai‘i Island School Garden Network, and the Kōkua Hawai‘i Foundation.

School garden and class teachers (Pre K-Grade 12) of public/private/charter schools are invited to attend. Teams of two teachers will be given preference, as well as schools that have started the process for planning, building, and implementing a school garden program. Most presentations will be hands-on and suited for garden/class teachers who are holding garden programs or working with school gardens.

The application deadline for the summer conference and for the travel scholarships is May 27. For more details on the conference, visit The Kohala Center Web site at www.kohalacenter.org/plantinghope/about.html. Applications to the conference are available online at The Kohala Center’s Web site at www.kohalacenter.org/plantinghope/application.html.

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