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Scholarships offered for environmental leadership program

KAMUELA, Hawai'i—November 13, 2014—The Kohala Center and Brown University are offering full tuition scholarships for two high school students residing in the state of Hawai'i to participate in the Brown Environmental Leadership Lab-Hawai'i (BELL-Hawai'i), to be held March 21–29, 2015, on Hawai'i Island. The deadline to apply is January 16.

Students in grade levels 10, 11, or 12 are eligible to enroll in the one-week program. BELL-Hawai'i integrates the development of leadership skills with outstanding opportunities for high school students to study the biology, ecology, and cultural traditions of the Island of Hawai'i.

Program activities include meeting with cultural practitioners to learn about the culture and history of the island, participating in the restoration of native forests, exploring the geological wonders of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, kayaking, camping near the ocean, and learning about coral reef ecology and management.

In addition to providing incredible adventures and experiences, the program gives students a chance to identify and develop their group-building and leadership skills.

For more program details, visit the BELL Web site at http://brown.edu/ce/precollege/bell/hawaii/.

Application materials are available to download at The Kohala Center Web site, http://www.kohalacenter.org/bell-hi, or by contacting Al-Qawi Majidah at (808) 887-6411 or amajidah@kohalacenter.org. Materials to be submitted include:

- BELL Program Application Form
- Scholarship Application Form
- Teachers Recommendation
- An official school transcript
- A one-page essay describing what you hope to learn during this course.

Students applying for scholarships must send their application materials directly to Majidah at The Kohala Center, and do not need to pay the deposit or application fee.

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