

Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kamehameha Schools, AmeriCorps, Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit at the University of Hawaii, and Pono Pacific presents:

Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps Summer Program

VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps (HYCC) is a summer experiential education and community service program for young people to learn the principles of natural resource stewardship and the importance of sustaining Hawaii's unique natural environment. Participants will spend six weeks "in the field" with natural resource managers, educators, scientists and community leaders learning about Hawaiian plants and animals, native ecosystems, watersheds, historic sites, aquaculture, and the current demands being placed on Hawaii's natural resources.

Availability: There will be one to three teams of 10 to 12 members each on the following islands: Kauai, Molokai, Oahu, Maui, and the Big Island.

Application Deadline: FEBRUARY 28 (RECEIVED)

Position Information: A team of 10-12 participants will be chosen from college underclassman and current high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have demonstrated an interest in protecting the natural environment of Hawaii. No prior experience is necessary, however, the program is outdoors service based and will be physically demanding. A positive attitude, an interest in learning, curiosity about interpreting nature, and the physical ability and desire to work on outdoor projects will also be important.

Participants will learn about the mission and challenges of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and other conservation organizations by taking part in service projects, field trips, and presentations by the various conservation and government organizations.

Members will participate in program activities Monday through Friday. The program will involve all weekdays and some weekends. Members on the islands of Hawaii and Kauai may have extensive camping requirements (from Monday through Friday) through out the program. The participants may also spend two weeks on neighbor islands. Neighbor island travel, accommodations, and other miscellaneous expenses will be covered by DLNR. Participants will receive a \$1,000 stipend, and if eligible will also receive three botany or biology college credits awarded by the University of Hawaii. Participants will gain valuable experiential education throughout the program and will meet potential role models who work in fields related to resource management and conservation biology. In addition they will learn skills such as teamwork, resource interpretation, organization, and decision-making. Best of all, they will receive exposure to some of the most interesting and beautiful natural areas in Hawaii. If you are interested in joining our team for the summer write, email, or just call!

Inquiries: Visit us at www.hawaiiycc.com. You may call us at (808) 735-1221 or e-mail us at yccinfo@ponopacific.com

Application Requirements: Two references (reference forms provided) and a completed application form. Application packet downloadable online.

Short Answers

The following questions are to help us gain a more in-depth perspective of you. Each answer should not exceed 2-3 paragraphs.

1. Why are you interested in participating in the HYCC?

2. If you could not participate in the HYCC, what would you do this summer?

List up to three experiences (extra-curricular activities, work experience, volunteer experiences, school clubs, sports, etc.) that you have done/participated in. Please list the most recent first.

<u>Organization/Activity</u>	<u>Duties/Responsibilities</u>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING

This program requires that you actively participate in rugged terrain, on/in the water, and/or in bad weather, with minimal or no facilities (bathrooms, etc.). Members will be based on the islands of Kauai, the Big Island, Oahu, Maui, or Molokai and must provide their own transportation to and from designated worksites. Program timeframe will be six weeks from June to July and will involve all weekdays (except holidays). Members must be available 7:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday – Friday and able to participate in possible nighttime excursions, early morning excursions, and/or occasional weekend activities. The HYCC program may also include extensive overnight activities where members will be asked to camp for the duration of the week (especially on the Big Island, Molokai, Maui, and Kauai). There will also be one to two neighbor island trips (airfare, food, and lodging paid for by HYCC program).

1. Are there any circumstances, including any mental/physical challenges that would prevent you from completely participating in the program? If so, please explain.*

2. Who will provide your transportation to and from the meeting site?

3. Will you be able to entirely commit your time between the dates stated above?

I certify that all of the statements made in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's signature
or typed name: _____ Date: _____

Guardian's signature
if under the age of 18: _____ Date: _____

* Note: HYCC participants must be able to perform efficiently the physical and mental duties of the position. Qualified applicants with disabilities who can perform the essential functions of the volunteer position are encouraged to apply. The State of Hawaii and Kupu are committed to making reasonable accommodations on a case-by-case basis.

Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps Summer Program Reference Form

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This form is to be given to a non-relative who knows you well and who would be able to describe your character (i.e. teacher, coach, youth group leader, employer, etc.). You are responsible for collecting the completed form from your reference and sending it in along with your application. Applications will not be considered if both references are not included.

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Please fill in the following areas referring to the applicant. The purpose of this form is to give us a better idea of the qualities and characteristics of the individual applying for the Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps (HYCC). Once the form is completed please return it to the applicant **prior** to the application due date. If you do not feel comfortable with the applicant being able to read what you have written, please place the reference form in a sealed/signed envelope and return it to the applicant. Thank you for your input!

Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Reference's Name: _____

Position/Title: _____ Organization/Affiliation: _____

Phone/Email: _____

How long have you known the applicant?

In what capacity have you known the applicant?

What words first come to mind when describing the individual who is applying?

Please describe a past occasion in which the individual has stood out:

How well do you feel that the individual is able to function in a diverse group of people?

Please describe the applicant's strengths as well as his/her limitations:

Do you have any reservations in recommending the individual as member of the HYCC?

Please use this space for additional comments you would like to share:

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