



## KONAWAENA FOUNDATION

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### **2024 Scholarship Award Application Vinny Chang Memorial Scholarship Award: \$1,000**

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- \* Graduating senior at Konawaena High School
- \* Acceptance into an accredited institution of higher learning, community college, or 4-year college
- \* A student athlete, preferably in baseball, softball or football

**Application Procedure:** Complete the form below and submit required documents. **Required documents to be provided with application UNSTAPLED!**

- \* Your current senior high school transcript (stamped official/original)
- \* A personal statement about yourself which should include:
  - \* Upcoming educational plans, including the college you will attend and your intended major;
  - \* Future career goals;
  - \* Participation in Konawaena baseball, football or high school sports
  - \* School and community experiences in the past four years and include any leadership positions you held;
  - \* Beliefs in being of service to your community

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ EFC: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Completed applications must be received by:**

**Friday, April 12, 2024 by 4:00 pm**

**Applications must be placed in the Foundation’s mailbox in the Konawaena High School Office by front office staff.**

**Mahalo!**

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### **VINNY CHANG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Vincent “Vinny” Chang graduated from Konawaena High School in May 2013. He passed away on August 15, 2023.**

**While a student at Konawaena High School, Vinny played football and baseball and was an active participant in the Class of 2013 activities and was voted their Senior Prom King. He was an active member of the Kona Boyz 4-H Club and was a National 4-H Delegate. Vinny was also involved in Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple’s Jr. YBA.**

**Vinny attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa in his Freshman year and transferred to University of Hawaii, Hilo. He obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Aquaculture. During his last two years of college, he started working at Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority for the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe cultivating oysters where he continued to work until his passing.**

**Vinny was an avid fisherman and enjoyed spending his days off camping and fishing. He continued his involvement with the community by assisting with various community projects and fund raisers, helping to set up and clean up.**

**Toward the end of Vinny’s life, there were clues that he was dealing with depression and showing signs of mental health issues. Unfortunately, on August 15, 2023 he lost the battle to his inner demons. His passing has brought suicide prevention awareness to his family and the community.**