



Kau Inoa Native Hawaiian Registration

A Manual for Registrars

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Aloha mai kakou,

Planning a process to form a Native Hawaiian Governing Entity is an overwhelming challenge and the commitment and dedication required at every step promises to be staggering.

The Kau Inoa Registration of Native Hawaiians is the first of the nation-building activities. It is the foundation of the future Native Hawaiian Governing Entity. It is the source from which the credibility, quality and substance of the future Hawaiian nation will flow. A strong Kau Inoa Registration will help lay the foundation for a strong Native Hawaiian Governing Entity.

As a Kau Inoa registrar, your participation and contribution is essential to the success of the nation-building process. Your enthusiasm in encouraging Native Hawaiians to register will determine the success of the Kau Inoa Native Hawaiian Registration Program. Thank you for your personal commitment to the Kau Inoa Native Hawaiian Registration and the building of a Native Hawaiian Governing Entity.

This *Kau Inoa Registrars' Manual* has been prepared by the staff of OHA's Hawaiian Governance Hale to prepare you to be successful Kau Inoa Registrars by:

- Providing background information on the Nation-Building process;
- Presenting guidelines on the Kau Inoa Registration process; and
- Discussing some of the questions you may encounter as a Kau Inoa Registrar.

We congratulate you for your commitment to honor Hawaiians and thank you for your efforts in signing up Hawaiians into the Kau Inoa Native Hawaiian Registration.

Ho'oulu Lāhui Aloha: To Raise a Beloved Nation

As the aboriginal indigenous peoples of Hawai'i, Native Hawaiians have the inherent authority to reorganize themselves into a governing entity or native nation.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court decision of Rice v. Cayetano in 2000, judicial challenges to existing Hawaiian rights have increased in both number of suits filed and the persistence of the plaintiffs in advancing their cases to the highest court of the land. If these plaintiffs succeed with their racial discrimination suits against programs with a Hawaiian preference, over 150 federal programs and funding vehicles totaling over \$70 million per year will eventually cease to be available. These increasing litigations also endanger the historic Ali'i trusts and the two public trusts of Hawaii – the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. On a national level, these litigations threaten to erode the rights, natural resources and assets of native peoples across the U.S.

After the failed cloture vote of the Akaka Bill on the US Senate floor in June 2006, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs introduced a plan entitled ***Ho'oulu Lāhui Aloha: to Raise a Beloved Nation*** to create a Hawaiian Governing Entity. The objective of the ***Ho'oulu Lāhui Aloha: to Raise a Beloved Nation*** plan is to:

- Provide an open, fair and inclusive process for all Hawaiians;
- To freely discuss and debate the creation of a Hawaiian Governing Entity or native nation;
- To assure that the nation-building process is based on the values of *aloha, ʻōkahi, ʻike, kuleana and hoʻomau*;
- To create a Hawaiian governing entity that is representative of and chosen by Hawaiians.

Steps that could be a part of the nation-building process might include:

- Registering Hawaiians to participate
- Apportioning voting districts
- Election of delegates to a convention
- Convening a convention to create governing documents for the nation
- Ratification of constitutional documents
- Election of leaders and convening the governing entity

A Hawaiian Governing Entity representing 400,000 Native Hawaiians will provide a stronger political voice in advocating and deliberating for the preservation, protection and advancement of Hawaiians rights, assets and entitlements at the local, state, national and international levels.

Today, the need to establish a Native Hawaiian governing body is urgent and critical. Let us reach out and engage all Hawaiians in this process of raising a Hawaiian nation.

E Ho'oulu Lahui Aloha Kākou: Let us Raise a Beloved Nation

KAU INOA: THE FIRST STEP

What is Kau Inoa?

The *Kau Inoa* registration is simply a

1. A Declaration of Hawaiian Ancestry and
2. An Expression of interest to participate in the nation-building process.

Why do we need a registration?

One of the first steps in forming a governing entity is to compile a list identifying those who want to participate in that government.

The *Kau Inoa* registration confirms the identity and the Hawaiian ancestry of those who want to participate in the establishment of a Hawaiian government. The resulting Hawaiian electorate will be able to exercise its right of self-governance and could determine the future of all Hawaiians for generations to come. The *Kau Inoa* registration is the catalyst for the empowerment of Hawaiians and, as such, should be enthusiastically promoted for every Hawaiian.

On January 17, 2004, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) kicked off the nation-building program for Hawaiians with the first *Kau Inoa* Registration event. This inaugural ceremony was held at the Ali'iolani Hale and the initial twenty-seven (27) registrants included Hawaiian leaders representing a broad spectrum of the community — including trustees and administrators of the ali'i trusts, civic clubs, royal societies, and Hawaiian Homestead Associations, as well as elected officials, entertainers, educators, attorneys and entrepreneurs.

Since then, OHA has taken the lead in promoting the *Kau Inoa* Registration program through outreach activities, community meetings, advertising, and a small grants program within the State of Hawaii and on the US Continent.

According to the 2000 US Census, there are 401,162 Hawaiians living in the US. Approximately 240,000 live within the state of Hawai'i, while 161,000 live on the US continent. As of March 2007, almost 60,000 Hawaiians nationwide have signed up in the *Kau Inoa* registration.

It is our goal to register at least 200,000 Hawaiians in the *Kau Inoa* Registration. We need your help to reach that honorable goal. As a registrar, you are invited to seek out opportunities to speak to Hawaiians and register them at events, venues, or activities in your community.

Such events could include:

- Community fairs and events
- Ho'olaule'a
- Family reunions
- Community meetings
- Club meetings
- Concerts
- Conventions
- Schools events and fairs
- Sporting events

The staff of OHA's Hawaiian Governance Hale will be happy to assist you in your efforts. Be sure to contact the Hawaiian Governance staff with any questions you or a registrant may have. In Hawai'i you can reach OHA's

Hawaiian Governance staff at (808) 594-0219. If you are calling from the US Continent, please use OHA's toll-free number: 800-366-1758.

KAU INOA – THE REGISTRATION PROCESS

PRE-EVENT CONSIDERATIONS

Although many factors contribute to a successful *Kau Inoa* registration, the pre-event arrangements are essential to a positive experience.

Submitting Small Grant Request to OHA

The Hawaiian Governance Hale of OHA administers a Small Grants Program offering funding incentives to assist volunteers who are interested finding and registering Hawaiians in the *Kau Inoa* Registration. Any individual or organization agreeing to comply with the provision of the small grant program may apply. See the Hawaiian Governance Small Grants Program Guidelines for all details and instructions.

Confirming Event Details

- Event Date, Time, Location
- Access, Parking, Delivery, Hauling, Set Up and Breakdown Instructions
- Arrange for Best Location for Registration Booth/Table
 - In a high-traffic area for maximum exposure
 - Sufficient table space and chairs to accommodate discussions and signing of forms
 - Space to store supply boxes

Requesting Registration Materials and Supplies from OHA

OHA will provide the supplies, registration materials and other promotional and give away items to registrars for *Kau Inoa* Registration events.

- Registrars should use the “*Kau Inoa* Materials and Supplies Request Form” to submit their request the Hawaiian Governance staff.
- Requests should be submitted three weeks in advance for events on the Continent and two weeks in advance for events in Hawai'i.
- Quantity of materials requested should be based on the estimated number of Hawaiians you anticipate registering.
- Some of the promotional and give-away items are subject to availability.

Checking Registration Materials and Supplies

Check the materials and supplies that you receive in advance of your event date.

- Reconcile inventory received against your “*Kau Inoa* Materials and Supplies Request Form” and report any discrepancies to Hawaiian Governance staff immediately;
- Prepare display racks or containers that you will use;
- Pre-mark the registration forms with appropriate registrar/event code;
- Prepare Boxes of Materials and Supplies on Carts or Carriers for transporting.

DAY OF EVENT

Presentation makes all the difference. Be sure to arrive at least a half-hour early to allow ample time to set up the table/booth. The visual appeal of display, staff and signage at the *Kau Inoa* Registration Booth is crucial to attract people's attention and invite them to visit.

Table:

- The display of materials and give-away items should be eye-catching;
- Items on table should be organized in a way that will facilitate:

- The flow of conversation/discussion;
 - The filling out of forms-have forms and pens prepared on clipboards;
 - The distribution of give-away items.
- Kau Inoa T-Shirts should be:
 - Displayed in sight, yet
 - Secured behind or beneath the table, within reach of registrars not visitors.

Signs:

- Strategically placed at heights high enough to be noticed from a distance and above the crowds;
- Securely fastened in position;
- Official banners and posters, not improvised.

Staff or Registrars:

- Neatly groomed;
- Wearing their Kau Inoa T-Shirts;
- Genuinely friendly in greeting people;
- Patient, knowledgeable and truthful in discussions and explanations;
- Willing to assist people in filling out their registration forms;
- Enthusiastic to encourage people to sign up yet diplomatic to those who may not support *Kau Inoa*;

FILLING OUT THE KAU INOA REGISTRATION FORM

As a registrar, it is your kuleana to make sure all sections of the Kau Inoa Registration form are filled out completely and legibly. The seven sections of the Kau Inoa Registration Form are explained below.

Section A. General Information

It is critical that the registrant complete all information requested in this section and that the answers be readable and accurate.

Line 1 *LEGAL NAME*

Line 2 *OTHER NAMES*

- can include maiden names or other previously used names.

Line 3 *HOME ADDRESS AND MAILING ADDRESS*

- If their home address is the same as their mailing address, they can write “same” on the line given.
- If they do not have an address, please have them identify an alternate address in the area.

Line 4 *TELEPHONE AND EMAIL*

- Best contact phone where registrant may be reached.
- Email address is necessary to receive timely information.

Line 5 *DATE OF BIRTH, PLACE OF BIRTH, AND GENDER*

- Birth date is serves as the unique identification marker for people with same or similar names.
- The “Date of Birth” determines voting age eligibility for future nation-building voting activities
- The “Place of Birth” – city and state are sufficient

- **All Hawaiians are eligible to register.**

- There is no age requirement to register. Parents and guardians can register their children.
- There is no residency requirement. All Hawaiians are eligible, regardless where they live.
- Incarcerated Hawaiians are eligible.
- There is no minimum blood quantum requirement.

Section B. Declaration

Encourage registrants to check both boxes.

HE HAWAI'I AU is simply a declaration of Hawaiian ancestry.

- This box is used to ensure every registrant is Hawaiian.
- Non-Hawaiians may not register for Kau Inoa.

I HEREBY DECLARE MY INTENT. . .

- Is simply an expression of interest or desire to participate in the nation-building process.
- Declaring the registrant's desire to participate in the nation-building process.
- Willingness to have name appear on a public list.

What does "participate" entail?

The degree or level of participation is the decision of the registrant and could range from simply receiving information of the nation-building activities to actually electing to run for a representative's position at a future convention.

What is a "public list"?

- The public list is like a voter registration roll that can be viewed by the public and used as basis of challenge if non-Hawaiians are listed.
- Only names will appear on the public list. No other personal information will be listed.

Section C. ~~Verification of Hawaiian Ancestry~~

At least ONE line must be completed. **Line 4** must be checked and initialed by every person who registers.

Line 1 I HAVE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED DOCUMENTATION...

If the registrant has previously been verified in any of the four ancestry verifications listed below, please have the registrant check all the boxes that apply.

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Department of Hawaiian Homelands | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hawaiian Registry at OHA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Operation Ohana at OHA | <input type="checkbox"/> | Kamehameha Schools Ho'oulu Hawaiian Data Center |

I AUTHORIZETO RELEASE MY INFORMATION...

In addition to checking the appropriate boxes, the registrant MUST INITIAL at the end of this line giving permission to the organizations to confirm previous registration and verification. Without registrant's initials, verification will not occur.

Since I am a graduate of Kamehameha Schools, can I assume I'm included in the KS Ho'oulu Hawaiian Data Center?

Not necessarily. The Ho'oulu Hawaiian Data Center only began in 2003. Being an alumnus of Kamehameha Schools does not mean you are automatically in the Ho'oulu Hawaiian Data Center. You would have had to specifically register in the Data Center.

Since I vote in the OHA election and receive my OHA newspaper, does that mean I am included in their registrations?

NO! Hawaiians had to specifically register in OHA's Operation 'Ohana (green card) or OHA's Native Hawaiian (red card) registries.

If my father is a lessee on Hawaiian Home Lands does that mean I am already verified?

Generally, no. Only the awardee is considered verified.

Line 2 A PHOTOCOPY OF A CERTIFIED....

This section applies and should be checked ONLY IF (a photocopy of) the certified DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED and being submitted with the completed registration form. If photocopy of certified document will be sent later, do not enter here – go directly to Line 4.

The document should acknowledge that the registrant is Hawaiian.

My California birth certificate does not state that I am Hawaiian. What should I do?

In addition to submitting copies of your own birth certificate, you will need to also submit copies of a parent's that states their Hawaiian ancestry. If your parent's birth documents do not state Hawaiian, then you must submit your grandparent's birth certificate stating their Hawaiian ancestry. Copies of all documents must be included.

I am an adopted child. My biological parents were Hawaiian. My adoptive parents are non-Hawaiian. How can I verify my Hawaiian ancestry?

Please contact OHA's Ancestry Verification staff at (808)594-1834.

My biological parents were not Hawaiian, but I am a "hanai" child of Hawaiian parents.

Please contact OHA's Ancestry Verification staff at (808)594-1834.

Line 3 KUMU OHANA OR....

Registrant should check this box only when an alternative yet legally sufficient document is submitted with the completed registration form. Such documents include genealogies, court affidavits, or other legally reliable documents that are State seal approved that can be used to verify ancestry.

Line 4 I REQUIRE ASSISTANCE WITH VERIFYING MY NATIVE HAWAIIAN ANCESTRY

****ALL registrants MUST CHECK this box and INITIAL.****

Section D. Use of Information

Registrars should encourage registrants to check “YES” on all three choices.

- Checking “yes” in the first box will allow Hawai'i Maoli use the registrant's information to verify the ancestry of other family members, for example, registrant's children or grandchildren.
- Checking “yes” in the second box is required if registrant wants to be kept informed on the future activities of the nation-building process, such as election, campaign, voting and convention information.
- Checking “yes” in the third box authorizes Hawai'i Maoli to release the registrant's information to the Hawaiian Governing Entity.

Section E. Privacy Statement

This statement makes clear that the information will only be used for the stated purposes within.

Section F. Signature

All Registrants must sign and date the form. If the registrant is unable to sign, a legal guardian must sign their own name in the registrant's place. By signing the form, registrants declare that all information stated within is true.

Can minors fill out and sign their own registration form?

If the child is of minor age, a parent must sign the registration form in this Section F. Then in Section G below, the parent must print their full name, address and their relationship to the registrant.

Section G. Person Completing the Form Other Than Registrant

If the person completing the form is other than the registrant, section G must be fully completed.

Can I register my husband who is stationed in Middle East?

Yes. Simply fill out the registration form then complete all the information asked for in Section G.

Bottom of the Form

For purposes of satisfying Hawai'i Maoli tracking and OHA reporting requirements, registrars should enter the appropriate **registrar code notations on the line marked "ORG."** at the bottom of each registration form.

AFTER THE KAU INOA REGISTRATION FORM IS COMPLETED

- The top (white) page goes to Hawai'i Maoli.
 - Can be mailed by registrant in postage-paid return envelope directly to Hawai'i Maoli or
 - Can be given to OHA Hawaiian Governance staff person to be transmitted under cover sheet to Hawai'i Maoli

Note: If registrar is participating in the small grant program, he or she must accumulate all completed registration forms and send them directly to an OHA Hawaiian Governance staff person.

This will permit OHA staff to

- (1) review completed forms for accuracy and completeness
- (2) count the number of forms being submitted
- (3) credit the count to the registrar's record and
- (4) later reconcile this count to Hawaii Maoli's report.

- The second (yellow) page is kept by the registrant as proof of their registration.

If registrants do not have copies of their birth certificates when registering, they can still complete the registration form. The top (white) page of the completed form should be given to the registrar. Later the registrants should make copies of their yellow (second) page, label each as a "copy", then mail them, along with copies of their birth certificates, directly to Hawai'i Maoli in the postage-paid envelope provided by the registrar.

What is Hawai'i Maoli?

Hawai'i Maoli (HM) is a non-profit organization operated by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs that serves as the repository for the Kau Inoa Registration forms and data. All Kau Inoa registration forms are sent to HM where the registrant's information is entered and held in a secured data base.

- If the form is complete, Hawai'i Maoli sends a Confirmation Postcard as proof of registration.
- If the form is not complete, Hawai'i Maoli will attempt to contact the registrant for the missing information. When the information is provided, Hawai'i Maoli then proceeds with the verification of Hawaiian ancestry pursuant to the registrant's instructions on the registration form.
- After ancestry is verified, Hawai'i Maoli mails a postcard to the registrant confirming the verification.

- Once the nation-building process starts, registrants will be notified of activities and elections.

DISTRIBUTING THE KAU INOA T-SHIRT

- All registrants receive ONE FREE *Kau Inoa* t-shirt **after** they turn in a completed registration.

Note: Even though a birth certificate is not presented at the time of registration, a registration form will be accepted as “complete” as long as all of the information is filled out accurately and the registration form is signed and dated.

- If unable to give the registrant their T-shirt at the time of registration, the registrar should
 - Record the registrant’s name, mailing address, phone number and T-Shirt size on the “Free T-Shirt” coupon postcard
 - Submit the “Free T-Shirt” coupon along with the completed registration form to OHA’s Hawaiian Governance staff. Staff will mail the T-Shirt to the registrant after reconciling the information on the coupon to the completed registration form submitted.

If a person reports that he did not receive a Kau Inoa T-Shirt when he registered at a prior event or time,

- the registrar should note of the person’s name, address, phone number and date of birth and let the person know that the information will be submitted to Hawaiian Governance staff
- the registrar should alert the Hawaiian Governance staff of the inquiry
- the Hawaiian Governance staff will verify the person’s prior registration with Hawai’i Maoli
- If verified, the Hawaiian Governance staff will send the T-shirt directly to the person inquiring
- If the person turns out not to be registered,
 - Hawaiian Governance staff will contact and send a Kau Inoa registration form and “Free T-Shirt” coupon postcard to the person
 - The person should
 - complete the registration form
 - send it along with the “Free T-Shirt” coupon postcard back to Hawaiian Governance staff
 - Hawaiian Governance staff will send a Kau Inoa T-Shirt to the registrant.

****REGISTRARS ARE NOT TO GIVE OUT T-SHIRTS UNLESS THEY RECEIVE A COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM OR HAVE VERIFIED AN EARLIER REGISTRATION THROUGH HAWAI’I MAOLI.****

POST-EVENT CONSIDERATIONS

Closing Reports and Return of Materials and Supplies

- **“Grantee Final Report”**

The “Grantee Final Report” should be filed by the registrar and/or grantee. It must be submitted to OHA’s CRC or Honolulu Office within two weeks after the event. The final report includes:

- the total number of completed registrations which is required to:
 - reconcile registration totals as reported by OHA Hawaiian Governance staff and Hawai’i Maoli’
 - serve as quantifiable measure of the success of the event;
 - accumulate tally to credit to the each registrar; and
 - determine the amount of compensation for a registrar
- the reported number of hours worked, which may determine the level of funding.

The signed closing report is required as supporting documentation for a grant payment. In addition, written comments can be very crucial in evaluating the success of the event and in planning future events.

- **“Kau Inoa Materials and Supplies Closing Inventory and Return Form”**

As a part of the closing report, with certain pre-approved exceptions, it is the responsibility of the registrar to record a closing inventory count of the unused or undistributed materials and supplies on the “Kau Inoa Materials and Supplies Closing Inventory and Return Form.” Unless otherwise instructed by Hawaiian Governance staff, the grantee should also arrange to return the unused items to OHA’s Honolulu office, as directed on the form.

Note: OHA’s accounting procedures demand that the following documents (originals, no fax or photocopies) must accompany every request for payments to Kau Inoa grantees:

- Grantee Application (and W-9 for first-time applications)
- Kau Inoa Materials and Supplies Closing Inventory and Return Form
- Grantee Final Report

If any of the proper documents are lacking, OHA cannot pay the grantee.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

We have provided a few questions (and their answers) that are often asked of our *Kau Inoa* registrars. If you cannot answer a question, you can tell the person that you will try to seek an answer and get back to him/her later, or you can ask the person to contact OHA's Hawaiian Governance division at 594-0219.

Do I need a copy of my birth certificate or the original?

To register in *Kau Inoa*, you will need to verify your Hawaiian ancestry. One way to do this is to provide a legible copy of your birth certificate, marriage certificate or a family member's death certificate to verify your Hawaiian ancestry. An original is not needed and should never be submitted in place of a copy.

I don't have my birth certificate with me today, can I still register?

Yes. If unable to provide a copy of your verification document when registering, in section C – Verification, check box 4 and initial. A self-addressed, prepaid envelope will be provided for you to mail in a copy of the required verification document.

I registered before but my name or address has changed. How do I make those changes with *Kau Inoa*?

If you have changed your name or place of residence since you registered with *Kau Inoa*, please send a written request to Hawaii Maoli to have them update your information in the *Kau Inoa* database. Send your letter to:

Hawaii Maoli
P.O. Box 1135
Honolulu, HI 96807

What is DHHL?

The Department of Hawaiian Homelands is the State department which parcels out Homestead lands to Hawaiians who are able to verify that they have a blood quantum of at least 50%. If you own a house on Hawaiian Homelands, are due to inherit Hawaiian Homelands, or if you are on the waitlist, DHHL will be able to verify your Hawaiian ancestry for you. If you meet these terms, check off the DHHL boxes on the *Kau Inoa* form and initial. By doing so you are authorizing DHHL to verify your Hawaiian ancestry for you and you will not need to submit any verification documents.

What are the OHA programs?

There are two OHA programs listed on the *Kau Inoa* form. If you are enrolled in the Hawaiian Registry Program or Operation Ohana, OHA will have already verified your Hawaiian ancestry and you should have received a red Hawaiian Registry ID card or a green Operation Ohana ID card. If you are enrolled in these verification programs, check the proper OHA box on the *Kau Inoa* form and initial. By doing so, you are authorizing OHA to verify your Hawaiian ancestry for you and you will not need to submit any verification documents.

What is the KS Ho`oulu Hawaiian Data Center?

The Kamehameha Schools Ho`oulu Hawaiian Data Center is Kamehameha's Hawaiian ancestry verification database. You must contact the Ho`oulu Data Center to receive the application form and instructions in order to enroll in this database. If you are interested in receiving scholarships or enrolling in a KS school or program, you will need to enroll in the data center. If you are enrolled in the Ho`oulu data center, check the KS box on the *Kau Inoa* form and initial. By doing so, you are authorizing KS to verify your Hawaiian ancestry for you and you will not need to submit any verification documents.

If my children are in the KS database, am I also in the database?

No. Each individual will need to submit an application form to the data center with the proper documentation.

How old do you have to be to register in *Kau Inoa*?

All ages are welcomed to register in *Kau Inoa*. Children unable to understand what *Kau Inoa* is will need a parent or guardian to fill out the form for them, including section G.

Can I register people who are not related to me?

No.

Can I register my parents/children/siblings?

Yes. You will need to fill out section G to explain your relationship. It is important that you notify the individual you are registering that you have registered him/her in *Kau Inoa*.

What is a Kumu Ohana?

A Kumu 'Ohana is a legal document which can be used to verify an individual's Hawaiian ancestry if his/her records have been lost.

Will someone contact me if I need help to verify I am Hawaiian?

Yes. In section C of the *Kau Inoa* form, check option 4 and initial. You will receive assistance verifying your ancestry from OHA.

If I was adopted, how do I prove I am Hawaiian? Where can I get help?

If you are unable to prove you are Hawaiian or need assistance, check option 4 under Section C and assistance will be provided by OHA.

If I live on the continent can I register?

Yes. Hawaiians worldwide can register for *Kau Inoa*.

How to I register my family on the continent?

For Hawaiians on the continent, the *Kau Inoa* registration can be downloaded by going to www.oha.org. The registration cannot be submitted online – print the form and mail it to Hawaii Maoli. To receive information by mail, contact Hawaii Maoli at (808) 394-0050 or OHA at (808) 594-0219.

Will I get a card for *Kau Inoa*?

No. Individuals who register receive a t-shirt and will be kept informed about nation-building activities in the Hawaiian community.

If I live in Hawai'i, am I Hawaiian?

Not necessarily. Hawaii has a very diverse community and Hawaiians have always shared their homeland and culture with others. However, only Hawaiians with documentation verifying Native Hawaiian Ancestry may register in Kau Inoa.

Who do I contact to change my contact information?

Please contact Hawaii Maoli at (808) 394-0050 or P.O. Box 1135, Honolulu, HI 96807.

If I checked yes or no in section D, can I change it later? How?

Yes. You can change your answers in Section D by sending a written request to Hawaii Maoli so that they can update your information in the Database. Send your letter to:

Hawaii Maoli
P.O. Box 1135,
Honolulu, HI 96807.

OHA'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Honolulu Office (main office)
711 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 500
Honolulu, HI 96813
Main receptionist: (808) 594-1888
5th Floor receptionist: (808) 594-1835
Toll Free (800) 366-1758
Fax (808) 594-1865

Hilo Office
162 A Baker Avenue
Hilo, HI 96720
(808) 920-6418
Toll free: (808) 974-4000 ext. 4-1888

Kona Office
75-5706 Hanama Pl., Suite 107
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
(808) 329-7368
Toll free: (808) 974-4000 ext 4-1888

Kauai Office
3-3100 Kuhio Hwy., Suite C4
Lihue, HI 96766
(808) 241-3390
Toll free: (808) 274-3141, ext. 4-1888

Maui Office
140 Hoohana St., Suite 206
Kahului, HI 96732
(808) 873-3364
Toll free: (808) 984-2400

Molokai Office
P.O. Box 1717
Kaunakakai, HI 96748
(808) 560-3611
Toll free: (808) 468-4644

Staying Informed

As a Kau Inoa registrar, it is important that you keep updated on the nation-building process and other issues important to Hawaiians. The Ka Wai Ola newspaper, published monthly by OHA will be mailed to a family's home at no charge. The OHA website at <http://www.oha.org> is an great resource of reliable information on contemporary Hawaiian issues. And please visit the Kau Inoa informational website at www.kauinoa.org.

MAHALO

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs would like to thank you for your interest and hard work in registering Hawaiians for Kau Inoa. A strong Hawaiian nation is on the horizon. As a registrar, you are helping to build that nation for Hawaiians today and for generations to come. So few of our 400,000 Hawaiians enjoy that privilege.

E holomua kakou !