



GRACE Leadership Journey

Frequently Asked Questions

Additional questions? Please reach out to us at programs@kohalainstitute.org

Q: What kind of students are you looking for?

A: We are looking for a diverse cohort of students that represents the diversity of communities on the Big Island. That includes diversity of geographic location, type of school (public, private, charter, etc.), socio-economic status, ethnicity/race, interests, etc. We want students who want to make positive impact even if they don't consider themselves "natural leaders". Everyone can be a leader and make a difference if they are willing to make the effort.

Q: Should multiple students apply from the same school?

A: Ideally we would like one student per school but multiple students may be accepted depending on the number of qualified applicants. We encourage everyone interested to apply!

Q: Will transportation be available for participants?

A: KI will arrange return shuttle transport from Kona, Hilo and Waimea for each session.

Q: Can I miss any of the sessions due to other commitments (sports, competitions, etc.?)

A: We realize it may be difficult for students with multiple extra-curricular activities to commit to every session. We looked at the sports schedule and multiple other activity schedules, and it is challenging to find dates that work for everyone because we want a diverse group of students. At this point for the 1st cohort, we are asking that everyone make a commitment to attend the sessions and will see what we can do to accommodate schedules. The curriculum is focused on the relationship building which contributes to a collective learning experience in addition to the individual learning experience. Attendance is extremely important for the program to work for the entire group as well as the individual.