About ALU LIKE, Inc.
ALU LIKE, Inc. is a private, non-profit service organization that has assisted Native Hawaiians in their efforts to achieve social and economic self-sufficiency since 1975.

Our Vision
We envision Hawaiʻi, our special island home, as healthy, safe and productive, and guided by the shared values of all its people.

Our Mission
To kōkua Native Hawaiians who are committed to achieving their potential for themselves, their families, and communities.

Our Core Values
We share the following core values as living testament to who we are, why we are here, and how we strive to work together:

Pono: Do the right thing
Kuleana: Practice Responsibility
Mālama: Be Caring
Laulima: Be Cooperative
Hoʻomau: Be Patient; Persevere
Hoʻokina: Take Initiative and Forge Ahead

National Board Certification Scholarship Program

Our Mission
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E alu like mai kākou, e nā ʻōiwi o Hawaiʻi
Let Us Work Together, Natives of Hawaiʻi
Purpose

The purpose of the National Board Certification Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to Department of Education (D.O.E.) and Public Charter School (P.C.S.) teachers and educators seeking National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. ALU LIKE, Inc. understands that by helping teachers reach their goals we are ultimately helping our keiki become successful lifelong learners.

Eligibility

As an applicant, you must meet the following criteria:

• Hold a Bachelor’s Degree or higher;
• Have completed 3 full years of teaching or school counseling;
• Possess a valid State of Hawai‘i teaching/school counseling license. If teaching where a license is not required, have taught in schools recognized and approved to operate by the State.
• Copy of Birth Certificate to verify Native Hawaiian ancestry;
• All applicants need to submit a Birth Certificate in order to verify Native Hawaiian ancestry. If your birth certificate does not indicate Hawaiian ancestry, ALSO provide ONE of the following:
  • Copy of birth certificate of parent showing Hawaiian ancestry
  • Copy of Kamehameha Schools Ho’oulu Hawaiian Data Center Certification or Letter
  • Copy of OHA Registry Card

Additionally, the applicant should be a candidate seeking certification with plans to teach in a Department of Education (D.O.E.) or Public Charter School (P.C.S.) in Hawai‘i after completing their National Board Certification.

At this time renewal NBCTs are not eligible.

How To Apply

Applications are available for download at: https://www.alulike.org/NBC

1. Fill the application then print and sign original hardcopy
2. Provide the following required documents:
   • Copy of Birth Certificate - All applicants need to submit a Birth Certificate in order to verify Native Hawaiian Ancestry. If your birth certificate doesn’t indicate Hawaiian ancestry, also provide ONE of the following:
     • Copy of Parent’s birth certificate showing Hawaiian Ancestry
     • Copy of Office of Hawaiian Affairs Registry Card
     • Copy of Kamehameha Schools Ho’oulu Data Center Certification or Letter
   • Copy of Bachelor’s Degree or Transcripts
   • Copy of Valid Teaching License
3. Principal/Supervisor Endorsement (Returned separate from application)
4. Completed applications and all required documentation may ONLY be submitted by mail or hand delivered to:
   ALU LIKE, Inc.,
   National Board Certification Scholarship
   2969 Māpunapuna Street, Suite 200
   Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96819

Contact

For more information, contact ALU LIKE, Inc.’s National Board Certification Scholarship at (808) 535-6700 or at NBC@alulike.org.

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National Board Certification candidates speak out:

“National Board Certification helped me to recognize the importance of reflecting on my teaching practice and relationship with students, families, and colleagues. The video of my teaching allowed me to analyze my strengths, identify the needs for improvement, and make adjustments to the implementation of the lesson.”
Naomi Kamauoha, Lincoln Elementary

“Alu Like relieved me from the financial burden of going through this process so that I could concentrate on all the other pieces involved in earning this certification. I am very blessed by Alu Like.”
Alanna Kaho‘ohanohano, Molokai High

“The National Board Certification process provided me with the opportunity to block out time to really look at my practices, strategies, etc. as a counselor and reflect on what I needed to do to improve. It allowed me to research, review and refine what I have been doing and move my practices more towards national trends and strategies. It has really helped me to be a better counselor for the students and families I service at my school.”
Maile Viela, Waie‘e Elementary

“The assistance from Alu Like, Inc. - National Board Scholarship Program has allowed me to focus on the process of analyzing and reflecting on my practice as a teacher instead of worrying about the financial obligations. Alu Like afforded me the opportunity to go through the NBCT process and work towards becoming a better teacher for the children I teach.”
Sheena-Marie Shimose, Leihoku Elementary