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**Ke Alahele grants available  
for technology-related activities**

Attention educators, students, parent groups and organizations involved or interested in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields.

If your technology-related goals and initiatives align with Focus Maui Nui strategies and Hawaii DOE standards, you are encouraged to apply for Ke Alahele Education grants.

Eligible STEM areas include:

- Innovative curriculum
- Culture-science integration
- Internships
- Apprenticeships
- Professional development or training assistance
- Equipment to enhance STEM activities

As a major force behind STEM education and workforce initiatives throughout the state, the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB) established the Ke Alahele Education Fund in 2006 to strengthen Maui County's education to workforce pipeline.

The Fund assists a wide range of K-12 activities, as well as professional development and internships from the secondary level on up. Single-year grants up to \$5000 are awarded to qualified applicants.

2006-2007 Ke Alahele grant recipients included:

- Inquiry based teacher certification,  
Molokai High School \$5000
- Math/Science Digital classroom  
and Teacher Resource Center,  
Kula Elementary School \$5000
- Project EAST equipment upgrades,  
King Kekaulike \$5000
- Health Occupation Students of America,  
Maui High School (HOSA Chapter) \$4000
- Math Camp, Lokelani Intermediate School \$3000

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In addition, MEDB's high tech partners participated in Ke Alahele Summer Internship

program, offering paid summer positions to qualified students who applied their interest in science and technology to solve real world problems. This year, the Maui High Performance Computing Center and the Pacific Disaster awarded Ke Alahele internships to:

- Taryn Takahashi, 2006 Baldwin graduate and Stanford pre-med major \$1500
- Jacob Davis, 2007 Maui High graduate and EAST Founders Award finalist \$2500

To download Ke Alahele grant guidelines and applications, go to [www.medb.org](http://www.medb.org). There, you will find Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS) about the Ke Alahele Education Fund and other pertinent information. You can also call MEDB directly at 875-2300.

Attached is the list of 2007 community partners who generously invested in the Ke Alahele Education Fund.

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