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**PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility Criteria:

* This program is open to incoming sophomore and junior students of the Department of

Education, including Charter Schools in Hawaii County.

* Students must be recommended by a teacher to be eligible for the program.
* Students **MUST** commit to attending **ALL** in-person and virtual workshops.
* Students must be willing and able to travel within the state or out of state, as required by the program.
* Students must feel comfortable speaking before small groups and large audiences.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

A total of up to 10 applicants will be selected to participate in the program each year. All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee. Selection will be based on the quality of the essay submitted, including writing style, grammar, and content.

**PARTICIPANT INCENTIVES**

* Participants will receive an all-expense paid package for domestic and/or international travel, which includes passport application fees, airfare, hotel accommodation, transportation, meals and other related travel expenses.
* Participants will be reimbursed for mileage and gas expenses incurred while attending the workshops, symposium, and other program-related activities.
* Meals will be provided during the workshops and symposium.