

# Funding Request Form

Please answer the following questions, and email a saved copy of this document to [info@manelekoele.org](mailto:info@manelekoele.org). Please send as a WORD Document. Incomplete answers may delay or prevent you from being funded.

1. Name of the organization.

**Pineapple Wrestling Club**

2. Is this organization a 501c3? **No**

a. If no, are you affiliated with a 501c3? **Yes**

b. If yes, who? **Through the Lanai High and Elementary School Foundation**

3. Name, address, email address and phone number of primary contact person.

**Aaron Fernandez**

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**(808) 769-7687**

4. Description and history of the organization.

**We are a non-profit organization that has served the youth of Lanai City since 2013. We are solely operated by a dedicated group of volunteers, who provide a safe and fun environment for our youth of Lanai City.**

5. Current Project:

**Pineapple Wrestling Team is seeking sponsorship for this summer's wrestling camp held in San Diego, California.**

a. Name of project.

**Elite Team Camp**

b. Rationale for project.

**We believe that our organization teaches our youth about life and its challenges. Our goal is to develop well-rounded young people who will learn the fundamentals and importance of responsibility, sportsmanship and community pride. We are looking forward to another exciting and rewarding summer. This past high school season we made Lanai Wrestling history winning for the first time three Maui Interscholastic League Champions (most in a year), and having our highest State Placer (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) at the HHSAA State Tournament held on Oahu.**

**It will also help our youth pursue education beyond High School, as it has been since our team was established in 2013. We currently have two seniors who are moving forward with college and military futures after graduating this year. We believe our wrestlers have the mental focus and drive to accomplish anything they set their minds to and this past high school season has shown us that we are doing something great with our youth here on Lanai.**

**With the experience they received last summer, competing at the AAU Junior Olympics, our wrestlers have grown and are getting stronger and better at the sport they love and are so passionate about. With your help and support, we can give them another great opportunity at an elite team camp where they will learn new skills to bring back home, refine and improve on themselves, physically and mentally. They will get to experience and tour college campus' during this trip. It is of the utmost importance to us as leaders, to guide our youth in pursuing a higher education after high school.**

6. Total amount of Funding Request: **\$16,000.00**

a. Date Funds will be needed:

**Hoping for May 1, 2017, so we can purchase airfare at a reasonable price.**

7. Itemized breakdown of the funding request: (Please include current budget for organization and for the proposed project)

**2017-2018 Expenses/Budget**

- **Maui Invitation Tournament**
  - o Entry Fee \$10/wrestler (10 wrestlers \$100)
  - o Round Trip Boat Tickets \$50/wrestler (10 wrestlers \$500)
- **Officials Tournament on Oahu**
  - o Entry Fee \$15/wrestler (10 wrestlers \$150)
  - o Round Trip Airfare \$150/wrestler (10 wrestlers \$1,500)
  - o Rental Van \$540
  - o Lodging \$500
  - o Meals \$300
- **2017 Regular Season Expenses/Budget**
  - o Uniforms (singlets, headgear, warm ups, and shoes) \$1,000
  - o Travel Meals \$1000
  - o From December – March we travel every weekend to Oahu or Maui to compete
- **Elite Team Camp (San Diego, California)**
  - o Entry Fee \$240/per wrestler (10 wrestlers \$2,400)
  - o Round Trip Airfare \$1,050/per wrestler (10 wrestlers \$10,500)
  - o Rental Van \$1,200
  - o Lodging & meals \$200/wrestler (10 wrestlers \$2,000)

8. Identify who the funding request would benefit, i.e. what age groups, etc. Include number and demographics of targeted population.

**The funding request would benefit our Pineapple Wrestling Team that consists of 10 wrestlers, from ages 15-18 years old.**

**4 Freshmans**

**2 Sophomores**

**2 Juniors**

**2 Seniors**

**We are a High School wrestling team.**

9. What specific goals are you trying to achieve? How will you evaluate success?

**Our goal for this team camp is to have an experience in receiving 16 out-of-state dual meets, a 32-man bracketed tournament, and world-class technique twice daily. We are also looking forward to touring San Diego State University with our wrestlers.**

**We will evaluate the success of our trip by the experience our wrestlers receive from the time they sit on the plane headed to San Diego, to the time they get back on our wrestling mats here at home. From past experiences with our team, every trip is different, with different locations, surroundings, and people. Our youth are always humble for the opportunity and really take in the knowledge they are taught along the way. That in itself is a successful trip. Especially when a wrestler tells you that he or she is very interested in attending college in the area we are training, or competing in.**

10. Other sources of funding the group has received or is planning on applying for:

**We just had a fundraising booth for Lanai 5<sup>th</sup> Friday. We also have the opportunity to participate in a couple more events to help raise funds for this trip that include the Lana'i One Team event and also the Pineapple Festival. We are hoping we can host a car wash as well to help with our funding.**

11. Supply a community reference and their contact information.

**Gail & Jason Allen  
(808) 216-6241**

12. If you would like to include additional materials such as pictures, website, Facebook page, etc. to support your application, please attach them as separate documents, or include links to them. These additional materials are welcomed, but not required.



After a long road trip, and competing in Hana, we had to stop by and enjoy the beauty at Seven Sacred Pools.



Pineapple Wrestling Team Photo taken after they registered for the 2016 AAU Junior Olympics held in Houston, Texas.



Lana'i made history at this year's MIL Championship tournament. Jake Ballesteros, Sam Dunwell, and Demytri Dameg all placed 1<sup>st</sup> in each of their weight divisions. Lana'i had never brought home 3 MIL Champs until this year!



Pineapple Wrestling with Coach Glassey, Hawaii's Own NCAA All American David Terao and Senior Level World Champion Teshya Alo.



Pineapple Wrestling at Camp of Champions with 3 NCAA Champion and US World Team Member Ed Ruth.



Wrestling Clinic held at the old bowling alley with U.S. Olympian, 3x NCAA All American, 3x Academic All American at Penn State University...Mr. Ken Chertow

**Mahalo Nui Loa For Considering Our Wrestling Team!!**