



Perpetuating Hawaiian Culture Through Song and Dance

The Ukes for Kids Project Committee  
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Aloha,

If you have a music program and the ability to teach 'ukulele, Mele 'Ohana's Ukes for Kids Project may be able to assist you with your goals.

Mele 'Ohana (Song Family) of Oregon, is a volunteer organization whose mission is to perpetuate the culture of Hawai'i through traditional and contemporary song, dance, education and fellowship. Funds generated by Mele 'Ohana support the Ukes for Kids Project and various Hawaiian cultural events in our community.

The Ukes for Kids Project primary objective is awarding 'ukuleles to schools to enhance and enrich the love of music in the classroom, both in Hawaiian and contemporary 'ukulele. We also offer our services by mentoring in any way we can, to further the enjoyment of the 'ukulele and education of the Hawaiian culture.

We are now accepting applications from organizations in Lane County that would like to receive 'ukuleles to begin or enhance their current music programs. You may apply by going to our website: [www.meleohana.net](http://www.meleohana.net) and downloading the application. Once the application is completed, please send it by regular mail to Dennis Staples at the address above. All applications must be received no later than October 7, 2017. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Dennis Staples at (541) 623-1017 or you may email him at [dennisstaples@hotmail.com](mailto:dennisstaples@hotmail.com).

If you are an applicant for our 'ukulele awards, you will be notified. We will then request a meeting of first time applicants with a representative from your program in an effort to learn and understand your music program's needs, goals and ideas. Our committee is interested in sharing ideas that support your musical efforts. When notified, you will be given the location, date and time for that evening's meeting. Interviews generally occur within two to three weeks. Previous award winners are encouraged to re-apply. If we have awarded your program twice in the past two years, understand that we will be giving first time applicants priority this year. It is our goal to share the wealth with as many students as possible in our community. Don't hesitate to contact us at any time in the future as we want to continue our support of existing programs.

We are very excited to be offering this opportunity. Individuals, organizations and community members who have incorporated 'ukuleles into their lives, not only receive the pleasures and benefits of playing music but also an increased understanding of the rich cultural Hawaiian heritage.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Mele 'Ohana of Oregon  
Ukes for Kids Project Committee



**APPLICATION FOR Mele 'Ohana 'Ukes for Kids PROJECT 2018**

Name of your organization:

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Contact person:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If awarded, are you available for a personal interview with Mele 'Ohana? \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT 'UKE PROGRAM:** How long has it been in existence? \_\_\_\_\_ # of students? \_\_\_\_\_

How many 'ukuleles do you have? \_\_\_\_\_ How many needed? \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please attach a separate sheet of paper to answer the following questions):*

1. Please tell us about your program. What are the goals and objectives? (public performances, educational experience, etc.)

2. How do you integrate your 'ukulele program into your school or community?

3. How would your school or organization recognize, acknowledge and promote this award?

*Please include any copies of photos, articles, or newsworthy items that will let us know more about your program, if available. Sorry, originals cannot be returned.*

**NEW 'UKE PROGRAM:** *(Please attach a separate sheet to answer the following questions):*

1. What goals and objectives would you like to accomplish with your new program?

2. How many students do you anticipate? When will you begin your program?

3. How many 'ukuleles do you currently have? How many do you need?

4. How would you integrate a new 'ukulele program into your school or community?

5. How would your school or organization recognize, acknowledge and promote this award?

Thank you for your application to the 'Ukes for Kids project. We look forward to meeting you and learning more about the goals of your program. Award recipients will be notified in mid-November, 2017. If you have any questions, contact: Dennis Staples at: 541-623-1017.

**Please mail your application to:** Dennis Staples, Attention: 'Ukes for Kids Application Committee, 960 Larch Street, Eugene, Oregon 97405. **Applications must be received by October 7, 2017.**