



The 2026 Jack Jeffrey Conservation Education Grant

The **Jack Jeffrey Conservation Education Grant** is awarded by the FOHF to honor Jack's commitment to conservation education and public outreach. Up to \$2,000 will be awarded in early 2026 for the proposal(s) that best fits the criteria and spirit of the grant. Proposed projects should address the following 5 priority areas where possible: (i) targets the promotion of conservation education and outreach on Hawaii Island; (ii) contributes toward the conservation education of Hawaii Island students, teachers, residents and/or visitors of all ages; (iii) focuses on native terrestrial species/ecosystems of Hawaii Island, preferably those occurring in or near Hakalau Forest NWR; (iv) leverages partnerships with other organizations/agencies that include direct or in-kind contributions; & (v) proposes a new conservation education initiative.

Funds may be requested for materials, supplies, travel, labor or other items that are justified and appropriate for the proposed work. Partnership projects with other organizations and agencies and projects that include direct or in-kind contributions are encouraged. Proposals should include: (i) a narrative description of the proposed work and expected results that addresses the five priority areas outlined above (not to exceed 2 pages), and (ii) an itemized budget clearly identifying both requested funds and partnership direct funds and/or in-kind contributions.

Applications should be submitted to FOHF by **December 1, 2025** via email to friendsofhakalauforest@gmail.com as a single PDF attachment. The recipient(s) of the 2026 award will be announced in early January, 2026, with funding distributed by the end of that month. Questions about the grant should be addressed to Pete Stine (pete.stine@friendsofhakalauforest.org).

Award Background: A long time resident of the Big Island, wildlife photographer, and retired wildlife biologist, Jack Jeffrey is intimately familiar with Hawaii's natural landscapes. Jack moved to Hawaii in 1974 to begin a life dedicated to the protection and preservation of Hawaii's endemic birds. He started work as a biologist conducting forest bird surveys for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1978, and from 1990 to 2009 was the senior wildlife biologist at the Hakalau Forest NWR. Jack has long been a strong proponent of conservation education and outreach. Over the past 40+ years, he has provided hundreds of informational presentations about Hawaii's avifauna, and led thousands of volunteers, students, and members of the general public on informative nature hikes at Hakalau Forest NWR and in other forests throughout Hawaii to increase awareness of the conservation and management of Hawaii's unique natural heritage.

Jack has co-authored several books and his photographs of Hawaii's native birds have been featured in numerous local, national, and international magazines, books, and calendars. Upon Jack's retirement in December 2008 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, he was asked about a retirement gift and his reply was "something to give back to the Refuge." Thus, in lieu of a personal gift, monetary gifts were used to establish a fund to promote conservation education/outreach at Hakalau Forest NWR.

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