

Project Reach Hawaii Presents

YOUNG INNOVATORS

HAWAII

**INSPIRING STUDENTS
TO DREAM BIG.**

Aloha,

On behalf of Project Reach, Inc., we invite you to be part of an inspiring community event — Young Innovators Hawai'i 2026, taking place this spring in Kohala.

This annual program empowers students from Kohala Middle School to think big, dream boldly, and turn their ideas into real businesses. Through months of teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving, students develop business plans and pitch their ventures to a panel of local “Sharks” — business leaders and mentors who help guide them toward success.

On March 13, 2026, five finalist teams will be selected to compete in The Live Show on April 10, 2026, at Kahilu Town Hall, where the winning team will earn \$5,000 in seed funding and continued mentorship to bring their business to life.

As a valued member of our community, we hope you'll consider supporting the next generation of innovators by becoming a sponsor, attending the event, or contributing to our prize pool.

Your support will help cover:

- Student project materials and resources
- Event production and Live Show expenses
- Mentorship and prizes

We offer several sponsorship tiers ranging from \$250 to \$3,000, each with recognition benefits and complimentary tickets to the Live Show. We're also seeking individual ticket purchases and prize donations (such as gift cards, services, or products) that can be used as awards or giveaways to recognize student teams.

By investing in this program, you're helping our keiki see that anything is possible — that even from a small town like Kohala, they can build, create, and lead. Together, we can show them that their ideas matter and their community believes in them.

Mahalo nui loa for considering this opportunity to uplift and inspire our youth. We would love to have you join us as a supporter, sponsor, or guest at this year's event.

Warm gratitude,



Ramzen “Kekai” Coakley
Kohala Middle School, Educator

About Young Innovators Hawaii

Young Innovators Hawai'i is a youth entrepreneurship challenge that inspires middle school students to transform ideas into real businesses.

Hosted by **Project Reach, Inc.**, this initiative gives **Kohala Middle School** students a hands-on opportunity to apply classroom learning — math, science, writing, and creativity — toward developing new products and services that address real-world needs.

On **March 13, 2026**, the **Top 5 Finalist Teams** will be selected. They'll move on to pitch their ideas at the **Live Show on April 10, 2026**, in front of a panel of local "Sharks" — business leaders, mentors, and innovators who will provide feedback, funding, and inspiration.

The **winning team** will receive **\$5,000 in seed capital** and ongoing **mentorship** to help bring their business to life.

Why This Matters

Growing up in a small town like Kohala can sometimes make the world feel far away. But Kohala has always been home to incredible talent — musicians, artists, designers, and leaders who prove that great things can come from small places.

Young Innovators Hawai'i gives local students the tools, confidence, and belief that anything is possible.

By supporting this event, you're helping our keiki dream bigger, think creatively, and build the skills that will carry them through life — from teamwork and communication to leadership and innovation.

This initiative not only nurtures entrepreneurial spirit but also strengthens community bonds, fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment among participants. As students collaborate to solve real-world problems, they learn the importance of perseverance and adaptability, qualities that are essential in today's ever-changing world.

By investing in our youth, we're investing in the future of Kohala, ensuring that the next generation is equipped to lead, innovate, and make meaningful contributions both locally and globally. Join us in celebrating the creativity and dedication of our young innovators, and witness firsthand the incredible impact they have in shaping a brighter tomorrow.



Join Us in Making a Difference

We are seeking the support of the community to put on a successful “Live Show” event for the students of Kohala. We have several ways to get involved:

- Sponsor the “Live Show” event (April 10, 2026, 6PM at Kahilu Town Hall in Waimea)
- Purchase tickets to the “Live Show” event
- Join the Young Innovators Hawaii Project Planning Committee
- Make a monetary donation
- Donate prizes to the “Live Show” event

Thank you for considering a partnership with Project Reach’s Young Innovators Hawaii project. Your support is not just a donation; it’s an investment in Hawaii’s future leaders. Together, we can show these students that they are capable of big things, and that they have a community that believes in their potential.

For more information, please contact Ryan Naka at info@younginnovatorshawaii.com

About Project Reach Hawaii

Project Reach, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit established in 2015 by Mary Colburn, is driven by a vision to embrace and uplift underserved communities across Hawai‘i. Through distinctive programs, events, and projects, Project Reach endeavors to bridge the gap in areas where assistance is profoundly required. Beyond the impactful Young Innovators Hawaii Project, the organization passionately organizes an annual Back To School Bash at Kohala High & Middle School, a Christmas Gift Drive, and a Thanksgiving Food Distribution, spreading warmth and support to those in need.



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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

🌟 INNOVATION CHAMPION — \$3,000

Top-tier sponsorship with maximum visibility

- Recognized as a Presenting Sponsor of the Live Show
- Logo placement on all event materials, social media, and press releases
- On-stage recognition and speaking opportunity during the event
- Reserved table of 10 at the Live Show
- Exclusive feature post on Project Reach's social media
- Mahalo gift from Project Reach and students

💡 VISIONARY SPONSOR — \$2,000

Empower students to dream big

- Prominent logo recognition on event signage, programs, and digital platforms
- Verbal acknowledgment during the Live Show
- Opportunity to serve as a mentor or judge
- 8 complimentary tickets with reserved seating
- Recognition in post-event press and recap materials

🚀 INNOVATOR SPONSOR — \$1,000

Fuel creativity and hands-on learning

- Logo placement on event flyers and social media promotions
- Recognition during the Live Show
- 6 complimentary tickets
- Name listed on Project Reach's website and event program

🌱 COMMUNITY BUILDER — \$500

Help spark curiosity and confidence

- Name listed on the event program and social media
- Recognition from the stage during the Live Show
- 4 complimentary tickets
- Certificate of appreciation from Project Reach and the students

🌟 FRIEND OF INNOVATION — \$250

Show your support for local youth

- Name listed on event program and website
- Verbal acknowledgment during the event
- 2 complimentary tickets to the Live Show

Join Us in Inspiring Kohala's Future

Together, we can help Kohala's youth see that their ideas matter – and that the next great innovator might just come from their own hometown.

When we invest in our youth, we invest in Hawai'i's future.

Submit

Please return completed form and check (if applicable) to:

Project Reach
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Project Reach is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Please consult with your financial advisor.

Questions?

Contact Ryan Naka at
info@younginnovatorshawaii.com

Scan QR Code

Register, purchase tickets, and make donations by scanning the QR code below:



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COMMITMENT FORM

Sponsor Information

Company Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Name & Title _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Sponsorship Commitment

Please select the sponsorship(s) you would like to secure in support of The Young Innovators Hawaii Project

- Innovation Champion \$3,000
- Visionary Sponsor \$2,000
- Innovator Sponsor \$1,000
- Community Builder \$500
- Friend of Innovation \$250

Payment Information

- Please invoice my company for the above marked amount(s).
- I need an organizational W-9 to complete payment.
- Enclosed is a check made payable to Project Reach.
- Please charge my credit card for the above marked amount(s).

Credit Card #: _____

Name On Card: _____

Exp. _____ CVV: _____

Billing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Date _____



PRIZE DONATION FORM

Thank you for supporting the Young Innovators Hawaii Project by donating prize items. Please complete this form and email to Ryan Naka at info@younginnovatorshawaii.com.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please provide a description of the item(s) you are donating and the approximate \$ value of each item:

I will mail the item(s) to Project Reach PO Box 491, Kahuku, HI 96731

Please contact me to arrange pickup

Thank you for your support!