



**BENEFICIARY APPLICATION**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Island Chocolate Festival**  
**Waikoloa Marriott Beach Resort**  
**April 26-27, 2024**

The Big Island Chocolate Festival encompasses seminars, a chocolate factory farm tour, demonstrations, a student chef competition, a professionally judged taste-off competition, a gala fundraiser and a silent auction. It's hosted by the Kona Cacao Association to help expand the education and growth of the local cacao industry here on the Big Island of Hawaii.

**Big Island Chocolate Festival Mission and Vision**

The mission and goal of the Kona Cacao Association is to promote the cacao industry on the Big Island of Hawaii by presenting the Big Island Chocolate Festival as an educational and outreach opportunity for local cacao farmers, the hospitality industry and cacao enthusiasts.

Join us as we journey towards creating an internationally recognized brand of cacao and chocolate products that are guaranteed sustainable, fair trade and high quality.

**The Application Deadline is January 24, 2024.**

Please complete the attached application form to be considered as a Beneficiary of the Big Island Chocolate Festival. Beneficiaries are awarded from \$500 - \$2,000 and beneficiaries are expected to provide volunteers and support execution of the event. If you are chosen as a beneficiary, you will be contacted to discuss the details of what is needed from your organization. Applicants will be notified of their standing by February 15, 2024.

We have great respect for the hard work and commitment of all applicants and appreciate your dedication to making our community a better place. We look forward to receiving your application and learning more about your organization

Mahalo Nui!

Farsheed Bonakdar  
President of Kona Cacao Association



Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Federal ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Amount requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Proposal (limit two pages)** Please provide a description of your project including goals and objectives, timeline, who will benefit from the project and how you believe it aligns with the values of our organization. Include a budget that provides a description of how funds from the Big Island Chocolate Festival will be used (indicate expenses & other funding sources).
- If you have not yet been funded by the Big Island Chocolate Festival,** please provide a one page description of your organization, including mission statement, purpose of organization, background information, key decision makers and programs already in progress.
- If you have received funds previously, you must submit a one-year anniversary** report that provides narrative and financial accounting of how funds were used. Please limit wrap up report to (2) pages, financials and (2) jpg photos.
- Please submit the following:** A DCCA Certificate of Good Standing or applicable certifying or authorizing agencies; proof of your tax exempt status (i.e. IRS 501c(3)); and provide an annual report to KCA, including a report of how the grant funds will be used

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Please send the completed form to: [info@bigislandchocolatefestival.com](mailto:info@bigislandchocolatefestival.com)  
Please call Stephanie Beeby, Director at 808-201-2000 for questions or suggestions.