



# NATIONAL FARMWORKER JOBS PROGRAM— HAWAII

Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.

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## Who We Are?

NFJP is the grantee for the entire state of Hawaii. We assist Farmworkers and their families on Maui, Oahu, Big Island, Kauai, Moloka`i, and Lana`i. Our program helps to enhance the farmworkers' skills and training to help them move up in their current agricultural career or to achieve their personal career or educational goals.

## How do you qualify?

NFJP is a National 100% Federally funded program that is administered by the U.S. Department of Labor. There is an income guideline for eligible participants who would have to have worked on a farm for a minimum of 30 days within a two-year span. Should anyone in the household receive SNAP, TANF, or SSI the entire household would qualify.

**Q: What if a college student participated in an AG Internship on a farm that sells their product and received a Stipend; is this considered income?**

A: Yes, a stipend is considered income.

**Q: How many days would a farmworker need to work on a farm to be able to qualify as a NFJP participant?**

A: At least 30 consecutive days within a two-year period.

**Q: What if the farm that I work on does not sell its product but donates it to the community?**

A: The farm would need to be selling its product in order for you to be eligible.

## 'Olelo Noeau

Proverbs or wise sayings:

*"E keiki aloha na mea kanu." Beloved children are the plants. [It is said of farmers that their plants are like beloved children, receiving much love, attention and care.]*



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**The Maui Farm Goats**

## The Maui Farm

The Maui Farm opened its doors in 1993, in an 'ohana environment and offered many hands-on activities and experiences.

The Maui Farm offers Farm-based Education Programs for the Community. They promote and practice a sustainable agriculture environment.

The two-acre educational farm that has outdoor classroom areas and a hands on training workshop. Their vision is to strengthen youth and families and to invest in the health and well being of future generations.

Its Family centered programs that teach essential life skills for self-sufficient living. They offer services to single mothers and their children. The Maui Farms provides a safe neighborhood setting, where individuals and families learn effective means of communication and problem-solving process through teaching and practicing Ho'oponopono. This teaching strategy is an effective way to help families to maintain healthy attitudes and skills through hands-on learning.

The Maui Farm is used as a teaching tool to promote natural farming practices, as well as an example to inspire the community of all ages to start their very own garden.

## *Safety Tip:*

### How to safely remove disposable gloves?

Disposable gloves should be removed as follows:

- 1 Use the hand that you write with to grasp the cuff of the glove on the other hand.
- 2 Pull that glove off so that it is inside out. Be sure any soiled material stays inside that glove.
- 3 Ball up the removed glove in the palm of you gloved hand. Slide one of two bare fingers inside the other glove. Make sure that the bare fingers don't touch the outside of the glove.
- 4 Pull down with those fingers, peeling off the glove. The first glove will be inside the second glove.
- 5 Throw away the gloves in a plastic bag, and wash your hands.

# NFJP Success Story

Our client is a 54 year old, married female. She enrolled as a dependent under her husband who was a farmworker laid off from Monsanto. She is limited with the English language. She had a nurse license in the Philippines.

The client's need at time of enrollment was to find employment. Because the client had experience in nursing, the client wanted to start Certified Nurse Aide classes to help with gaining employment in this field. The NFJP program assisted with enrollment into CAN classes, which included books, materials, work clothing (scrubs and shoes), supplies (thermometer, manual blood pressure kit, stethoscope), certifications (CPR/First Aid, Phlebotomy) exam fees and CNA tuition.

The client eventually found employment with Rose-lani Place as a resident assistant, Kalama Heights and then at Americare Hawaii. The NFJP program provided the maximum allowed OJT for the client at Americare Hawaii. The client successfully completed all training, certifications and CAN courses.

The NFJP program provided the client with bus passes for transportation. With working 2 jobs, the client was in need of a driver's license to get to and from work easier than waiting for a bus. The NFJP enrolled and paid for the client's driver education classes. It was difficult for the client to learn how to drive while working 2 jobs. The client was in need of additional driver education classes, with which the NFJP assisted. She received her driver's license, and NFJP also provided gas cards.

Work was going well for the client, but she was having difficulty hearing instructions from her supervisors and management. The client requested assistance with hearing aids. The NFJP program assisted with purchasing hearing aids for the client. The client was grateful for the hearing aid for it helped her at work tremendously.

Today, the client continues to work two full-time jobs, Americare and Kalama Heights. The client expressed her gratitude for all that the NFJP has provided for her.

*"Thank you so much for everything, the books, classes, and everything."*

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## CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE TRAINING: JUNE 16-OCTOBER 30, 2021

**Full tuition sponsorships available!**

- > Learn nurse aide and caregiving fundamentals to become a skilled entry-level healthcare provider
- > Prepare for the state examination to earn your Nurse Aide Certification
- > Receive assistance with internship placement or job search
- > **Eligibility:** must be ages 18+ or high school seniors graduating this year
- > **Contact:** [cceballo@hawaii.edu](mailto:cceballo@hawaii.edu) to receive a detailed schedule and application to determine if you qualify for the full tuition sponsorship.



### 4.5 Month Schedule

Weeknight classes for online lectures

Weekday option, weeknight option, or weeknight/Saturday morning option for on-campus labs/clinicals

8-10 hours of classes per week, plus additional studying

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**Visit The Maui Farm:** Farm tours are held on the second Saturday of each month from 9 - 11 a.m. Meet friendly animals, see how food grows and learn how to get involved!

**Volunteer Work Days:** Checkout The Maui Farm website: [themaufarm.org](http://themaufarm.org) for monthly scheduled Works Days.

For more information or to RSVP, contact us at 808-579-8271 or [ihilani@themaufarm.org](mailto:ihilani@themaufarm.org).



Planter boxes at THE MAUI FARM

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