

DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
CRIME PREVENTION AND JUSTICE ASSISTANCE DIVISION
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

Hawaii State Victim Assistance Academy (HSVAA)

September 2021 APPLICATIONS ARE DUE August 10!

What:

The Hawaii State Victim Assistance Academy (HSVAA) provides a part time, four-week skills-based online training program that covers fundamental advocacy skills, victim's rights, ethics, neurobiology of trauma, and other topics foundational to working with victims of crime. The training will be presented by the **National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI)**, a nationally recognized expert in legal advocacy and crime victimization. NCVLI has developed curriculum for and taught the Oregon, Washington and, most recently the Hawaii, State Victim Assistance Academies. With the completion of 40 hours of course work, students will earn their certificate.

Who should apply:

Victim Assistance staff serving in paid or volunteer positions with three (3) years of experience or less working with victims of crime. Staff with more than three (3) years of experience may be accepted on recommendation from their supervisor. Supervisors should be aware of the required 40 hours of coursework for the HSVAA.

Important dates:

HSVAA

September 9 - 30

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Accepted students must commit to 40 hours of work, attending the entire four weeks.

Cost:

There is no registration fee.

Technology Requirements:

Computer, reliable internet access, speakers, a microphone, and a video camera.

Application:

Attached or <https://ag.hawaii.gov/cpja/gp/voca/hawaii-state-victim-assistance-academy/>

For additional information or questions please contact:

Bow Mun Chin | Email: bowmun.chin@hawaii.gov | Call: 586-1154

LAST DAY TO APPLY: 8/10/2021

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Student Application Information for Students and Supervisors

The Hawaii State Victim Assistance Academy (HSVAA) is providing a four-week skills-based training program that covers fundamental advocacy skills, victims' rights, ethics, neurobiology of trauma, and other topics foundational to working with victims of crime.

HSVAA Objectives

1. Provide an in-state, cost-effective, quality training program that victim service providers can trust;
2. Build a community of practice among service providers;
3. Ensure all people working with victims and witnesses have core competencies to meet their service obligations to victims and the community;
4. Create a standard for training and service provision that supports the career development of victim service advocates;
5. Provide training that is culturally and geographically relevant to Hawaii; and
6. Highlight the knowledge and experience of local trainers and victim service providers.

HSVAA Eligibility

- Three years or less of work or volunteer experience in direct contact with victims of crime. Applicants with more than 3 years of experience may be accepted upon recommendation from their supervisor. Priority will be given to VOCA funded staff.
- Ability to complete 40 hours of course work over the 4 week length of the training.
- Submit the application and requested attachments by *August 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.*
- Approximately 25-35 students will be chosen to participate.

Academy Costs and Schedule

There is no cost to attend the HSVAA. All training materials will be provided. There will be approximately 10 hours of course work each week divided between live online and self-paced sessions. Live online sessions will be held from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. In addition to the live online sessions, self-paced work will need to be completed during the four weeks. The total time commitment for both the live online and self-paced sessions is 40 hours.

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Participants are required to complete both the live online and self-paced coursework to successfully fulfill the course requirements.

Required Technology

Participants must have a computer, reliable internet access, speakers, a microphone, and a video camera. It is also recommended that participants have access to a private, quiet location to participate in live online sessions.

Certificate of Completion

Participants will receive a certificate upon completion 40 hours of coursework. If you do not complete all HSVAA requirements, your supervisor will be notified, and you will not receive a certificate.

Cancellation

If you are accepted to the Academy and are unable to attend, **please cancel by Friday, August 31, 2021**. Vacancies due to cancellation will be filled by the next applicant on the waiting list. If there is no waiting list, we will contact your supervisor for a recommendation. Email: bowmun.chin@hawaii.gov for cancellations.

Application Due Date

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 10, 2021**. Submit your completed and signed application and required attachments by email to bowmun.chin@hawaii.gov or U.S. Postal service to:

Dept. of the Attorney General
Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance (CPJAD) Division
Attn: Bow Mun Chin
235 S. Beretania Street, Suite 401
Honolulu, HI 96813

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and participants will receive notification of acceptance no less than 13 days from the date of the start of the HSVAA, or by August 27, 2021

Please note that acceptance into the HSVAA is not transferable to another colleague or staff member.

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