


# *How the* **Elks National Foundation** helps the California-Hawaii Elks Association

 During the 2011-2012 Lodge year, the Elks of California-Hawaii donated \$698,797.84 to the Elks National Foundation. This year the Foundation will give back \$1,421,340.00, that is a ratio of 2.034 for every dollar the Foundation received from California-Hawaii last year. That does not include additional money California-Hawaii Lodges receive through the Community Investments Program.

The \$1,421,340.00 will fund the following programs:

State Charities Grant: \$482,060.00  
Special Projects Grant: \$412,980.00  
Bonus Grant: \$123,920.00  
Most Valuable Student Scholarships: \$284,000.00  
Legacy Award Scholarships: \$84,000.00  
National Veterans Service Commission: \$34,380.00

## **Community Investments Program Lodge Grants:**

**Beacon Grants** are \$1,000 grants available to every Lodge starting July 1, 2012. These grants offer Lodges an opportunity to develop an ongoing, charitable Elks-driven community project.

**Gratitude Grants** are \$2,000 grants available to Lodges that meet the National President's per-member goal for giving to the ENF. These grants can be used to serve a variety of community needs.

**Promise Grants** are \$2,000 grants available to the first 500 Lodges that apply to hold a youth event.

**Impact Grants** are competitive grants of up to \$10,000 designed to help Lodges make a significant visible and ongoing difference in their communities.

**Lodge Assistance Grants** help Lodges secure monetary donations from local businesses for specific Lodge charitable projects.

## **Scholarships**

**Most Valuable Student Scholarships** 500 four-year scholarships ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$15,000 per year for graduating high school seniors based on financial need, leadership and scholarship.

**Legacy Award Scholarships** \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year for four years) merit-based scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks who are members in good standing.

**Emergency Educational Grant** program provides financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks, who wish to obtain or further their college education.

## **Youth Programs**

**Drug Awareness** the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States. The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that in order to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment.

**Hoop Shoot** is a co-educational youth basketball program. Hoop Shoot begins at the local level, participants advance through district, state, and regional competitions. Six national champions are named—one boy and one girl from each of three age groups: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13. The parents of finalists at the state, regional and national levels attend the competitions as guests of the Elks.

## **Veterans Programs**

**Army of Hope** assist the families of Military Reservists and the National Guard who have been called to active duty.

**Freedom Grants** \$2,000 each to 75 Lodges which submit well crafted proposals to support veterans and our active military.

**Adopt-a-Veteran Program** The object of the Adopt-a-Veteran program is to take the place of family, to replace loneliness with hope and to let the veterans know we will never forget them.

**Veterans Leather Program • Veterans Remembrance • Playing Cards for Veterans** are all programs to assist veterans in their daily activities.