

ODKF Awards \$50,000 in 1998 Athletic Grants

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The Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation announces \$2,000 in athletic grant awards for its fourth quarter. A total of \$50,000 has been awarded for the 1997-98 grant making year.

OCC member receiving funds is: Eva Rochlen, swimmer. At age 10, she is the youngest grantee of the Foundation. She trains with the Hawaii Swim Club in Palolo five days a week. Her grant enabled her to attend the western "zones" in Seattle where she placed 4th in 50 fly, 5th in 200 medley relay, and 1st in 200 free relay. She holds records in the Aloha State games and the

Waikiki Roughwater swim. You should keep your eye on her at the Club's November 29 Castle Swim.

Other athletic grants were made to:

The Waikiki Beach Boys Canoe Club, to assist a team of working ocean lifeguards for the City and County Water Safety Department. All of the paddlers competed in the Kanaka Ikaika races. They will attend the Hawaiiki Nui race in Tahiti in November.

Baba Merino, age 14, to compete in the AAU all star baseball tournament in California. He is the Captain and MVP of the Kaimuki Little League White Sox

with a team record of 32 wins and 2 losses. A student at Kamehameha with a B average, this is his second grant from ODKF.

Kekoa Auwae, age 14, from Nanakuli High School, recently placed 3rd in the Boys division of the Longboard division of the U.S. Surfing Championships in Oceanside CA. He came "up through the ranks" with Rell Sunn's Menehune surfers and her vision for him has come true.

Applications for athletic grants are available at the Front Desk.

Scholarship applications will be available in January.

