APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR HALEAKALĀ NATIONAL PARK SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR HAWAIʻI COLLEGE STUDENTS

(Kula) Haleakalā National Park is now recruiting applicants for its ‘Imi i ka Lama Internship Program to be held June 4 – July 27, 2012. Applicants must be Hawaiʻi residents. Neighbor island interns must provide their own housing on Maui in proximity to the Park or a designated pick-up site. There is no fee to participate in the program.

The eight-week internship will introduce local college students to park programs, affording them hands-on experience in natural resources management, interpretation, and facilities management. The interns will be matched with the park program that best fits their academic and professional interests.

Haleakalā National Park encompasses two regions: The Summit District on the upper slopes of Haleakalā, which reaches elevations between 7,000-10,000 feet, and the Kīpahulu District that stretches along Maui’s beautiful eastern coast.

Interested students must be available full-time between June 4-July 27, 2012. Program hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., not including travel time to and from the park. Free transportation to the park will be provided from designated sites in Central Maui and Upcountry. Interns are eligible to receive a living allowance of $200 per week to help offset the cost of supplies they will need for the program. They will also be eligible to earn an AmeriCorps Educational Award of $1300 that may be applied at any institution that accepts the G.I. Bill.

Seven students will be selected through a competitive process that includes a formal application and interview. Applicants may pursue any or all positions in the following programs: Facilities Management, Feral Animal Removal and Management, Interpretation, Kīpahulu District, Kīpahulu ‘Ohana, Team Leader, and Vegetation Management. The official application packet, which contains specific details about each position, may be obtained by contacting the park’s Internship Coordinator, Kūhea Paracuelles, at (808) 572-4452 or Kuhea_Paracuelles@nps.gov. Completed applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 30, 2012.