

Guidelines and Protocol for the Daughters of Hawai'i



Purpose:

The intent of these guidelines is to provide clear information as to when and how members should best represent the Daughters of Hawai'i at formal functions, such as funerals and those that are also attended by the Hawaiian Royal Societies.

Lei Hulu:

The yellow feather lei, a symbol of Hawaiian royalty, was adopted at the inaugural meeting in 1903 as the group's insignia and is recognized in the Bylaws of the Daughters of Hawai'i. The feather lei shall be worn only when representing the Daughters of Hawai'i; otherwise, the lei shall be removed. The lei hulu also needs to be removed if another lei is given to be worn.

Attire:

The official dress is a long or tea length white mu'umu'u with white accessories, shoes or sandals, and white handbag. A white hat is optional. Off the shoulder, strapless, spaghetti straps mu'umu'u are not acceptable at church functions or at funeral services. When attending functions or events as Daughters of Hawai'i, the yellow lei hulu neck lei shall be worn. In its absence, a pua kenikeni lei is acceptable.

Calabash Cousins women shall wear the white mu'umu'u with white accessories, men shall wear a white button down shirt with black slacks, and both a black kukui nut lei.

Funerals:

The Daughters of Hawai'i shall be represented at funerals of former Regents and prominent members. Daughters of Hawai'i may attend funerals, when invited, for well-known community members who may or may not be members. When not invited to attend, the Regents shall decide whether Daughters of Hawai'i shall be formally represented. When attending a funeral as a representative of Daughters of Hawai'i, the previously cited attire shall be worn.

Royal Protocol:

There are four Hawaiian Royal Societies: the Royal Order of Kamehameha (which also includes the women's group), 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu, Hale o Nā Ali'i, and Māmakakaua (Daughters and Sons of Hawaiian Warriors).

When engaged in a procession, protocol compels the following order: the four Royal Societies lead, followed by the Daughters of Hawai'i. The 'Ahahui Ka'iulani and Hawaiian Civic Clubs follow.

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