



# EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

## PELLEGRINO SCHOLARSHIP

*The Saipan Chamber of Commerce Pellegrino Scholarship is available Saipan residents enrolled in or planning on attending local or off-island trades or technical vocational institution, with the intent to return to the CNMI workforce.*

### CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Completed application form
- Updated resume and/or Work Experience Portfolio/Documentation
- Proof of residency. (**Must have lived on SAIPAN for more than 1 year from application submission date.**)
- Acceptance Letter to the institution chosen to attend. (**Attach class schedule if available.**)
- Two signed letters of recommendation from an educator or business employer/mentor
- Listing of extra-curricular activities and examples of leadership within the community (**Please used attached form**)
- Essay of *no more* than 1,000 words: **“Name an important issue on our island you are passionate about and how (your trade) will help you hope to address the issue through your major and/or career aspirations.”**

#### Application Deadline:

All application and supporting documents must be submitted in its entirety to the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office, located on the fourth floor of Marianas Business Plaza, Suite #413 in Susupe or can be submitted through email to [coordinator2@saipanchamber.com](mailto:coordinator2@saipanchamber.com), no later than

**5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 26, 2021**

Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The final selection process will require qualifying applicants to attend a mandatory personal interview with a panel of judges.



# Saipan Chamber of Commerce Educational Scholarship Fund Letter to the Student

Dear Student:

One of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's core missions is to promote the general health and welfare of our islands. We realize that the future success of the CNMI rests on today's youth. You will eventually be leaders in our business, government, and non-profit sectors. Our collective success depends on the diligent pursuit of postsecondary education by our future leaders.

We recognize that the cost of postsecondary education is substantial. It is for this reason that the Saipan Chamber of Commerce continues the tradition of our Educational Scholarship Fund. Ten thousand dollars in scholarships will be awarded to deserving students who have met the criteria presented, and preferential considerations for the betterment of our workforce and economic needs.

In order to be considered for this scholarship, you must meet the corresponding criteria and complete the attached application form to its entirety. Failure to complete all requirements may result in automatic disqualification.

We encourage you to review the all materials attached and complete all necessary steps to apply for our scholarship. The deadline for submitting your application materials to the Saipan Chamber office (Marianas Business Plaza, Suite 413) is **Wednesday, May 26, 2021.**

Each application goes through a three-part selection process. Applicants will be notified of their application process at each stage. The final selection process requires a mandatory personal interview with each finalist. Scholarship recipients will be presented their award at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting for 2021 fall semester tuition.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Chamber office at 234-7150 or email us at [coordinator2@saipanchamber.com](mailto:coordinator2@saipanchamber.com).

Sincerely,

Education & Workforce Development Committee  
Saipan Chamber of Commerce



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## *Mission, Rules, Process*

### Mission of the Scholarship Fund

One of the Chamber's goals is to promote and enable postsecondary education and to publicly acknowledge and reward the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of deserving students. The Saipan Chamber of Commerce Educational Scholarship Fund provides one-time monetary awards to students in the following categories:

- **Chamber Education Scholarship:** High School Graduates and On-Going Students attending college at Northern Marianas College, Saipan.
- **Pellegrino Vocational Education Scholarship:** Saipan residents enrolled in or attending local or off-island vocational institutions, with the intent to return to the CNMI.
- **Innovation Scholarship:** Saipan residents pursuing higher education in 4- year institutions majoring in science, technology, engineering, math and business-related fields of study with the intentions of returning to the CNMI workforce.

Each student should demonstrate academic and personal excellence. All applicants must be accepted or enrolled in a two- year or four-year institution, or in a vocational education course. Payments are made directly to the educational institution on behalf of the student for 2021 fall semester and may not be used for any other purpose.

### Mission of the Selection Committee

The Committee seeks a combination of academic and personal excellence in individuals who may one day unselfishly contribute to our island workforce and community.

### **Basis of Consideration**

- Academic Excellence – an expression of strong intellectual curiosity and perseverance; proven record of achievement through standardized test and grade point average results.
- Extracurricular Success – an expression of dedication and devotion to one's passion in life; the expression of sympathy for and protection of the disadvantaged.
- Leadership Force – an expression of moral force of character, strong instincts to lead, and of interest in one's fellow beings, as well as a desire to nurture fellowship.

### **Selection Process**

- Application and accompanying materials must be submitted in their entirety by the deadline. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- Eligibility requirements must be met.
- Applicant may be selected for a personal interview with the panel of judges selected by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Education Committee.



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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

**\*\* Please type or print legibly in black ink. Do not leave any items blank. \*\***

<input type="checkbox"/> High School Graduate	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going College Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Returning Student
Name _____ Male _____ Female _____		
Mailing Address: _____		
Phone: _____ Secondary Ph: _____ Email: _____		
Age: _____ Intended Field of Study: _____		
Vocational Institution now attending: _____		
College(s) or Institution (ies) applied to: _____		
Have you applied to other scholarships or grant? If so, how many: _____		

I understand that the Saipan Chamber of Commerce is awarding a scholarship to a student who is currently accepted at or attending Northern Marianas College on Saipan. I understand this is a one-time monetary scholarship given to a successful applicant to defray the costs of postsecondary education and is granted at the complete discretion of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce. I also understand the requirements that are expected of each applicant. I have fulfilled the application requirements and have attached all required documents in order to be considered for this scholarship. I understand and agree that any scholarship funds awarded to me will be sent to the institution in which I am currently enrolled and attending, and that those funds will be used by that institution to reduce the amount I owe for tuition, room, board or other related educational costs or fees.

I further understand and agree that if such awarded scholarship funds are not utilized by July 1 of the calendar year following the date of the award, I forfeit any and all rights to the awarded funds, and any and all such funds shall remain the property of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

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Signature

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Date

