



CNMI SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE 2020 Citizen Centric Report

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The CNMI Scholarship Office (CSO) is an autonomous agency created by PL 18-40 and is governed by five board of directors and managed by an Administrator.

CSO strives to provide college student access programs and related resources to promote student success. Furthermore, CSO is fully committed to continue with the streamlining of the application, scholarship disbursement and compliance process. The stewardship of CSO funds remains a priority by ensuring all CSO funds are used by what is priority in our workforce.

MISSION

Our Approach

To provide college access programs to eligible CNMI residents who wish to pursue their post-secondary, graduate, and postgraduate degree; or, a certificate in the trades.

VISION

Desired Future Position

To have an educated and well-trained human capital to support our economic growth and promote the prosperity of the people in the CNMI.

WHO ARE WE



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STRATEGIC GOALS

Student Access

To Continue to implement scholarships programs to fill highly needed job categories in our workforce.

Continue to streamline the application, disbursement and compliance process.

Student Success

Increase the collection of academic achievement data and employment data of graduates.

Implement online student loan repayment.

Implement online student portal for compliance.

Staff Development

Staff enrolled online to pursue higher degrees ranging from associates to bachelors degrees.

Build capacity through Professional Development Day.

Enable staff to participate at local & national training and conferences to gain knowledge on initiatives and best practices relating to their fields of work.

EMPLOYEES



COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAMS

High School

- Commonwealth College Access Grant (CCAG)

Undergraduate



- Bachelor Program
- Educational Assistance Program Base (EAP Base)
- Incentive Award
- Marianas Employees Financial Aid (MEFA)
- Nursing School Scholarship (NSS)
- Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)
- Priority Field of Study (PFoS)
- WICHE Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

Graduate & Post Graduate

- Graduate School Student Loan (GSSL)
- Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP)
- Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)

I am a CNMI Scholar Campaign

Featured 31 Graduates in our workforce.

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education



HIGHLIGHTS

Compliance, Repayment & Collections

Established membership with the National Student Clearinghouse;

Created "Say No to Student Loans" Campaign to help college students reduce their debt;

Increased student loan repayment collection by 38%;

Completed audits & program evaluation of HS PL14-37 program;

Began audits & program evaluation of TCHR PL10-58 program;

Updated Recipient Index & completed 25% of Recipient Masterlist.

WICHE

Continued the WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP);

Began work on WICHE State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA);

WUE Savings \$1,231,668 (101 undergraduates);

WRGP Savings \$46,626 (3 graduate students);

PSEP Savings \$111,100 (4 Professional Healthcare Students);

735% Return on Investments through WICHE membership.

Workforce Development

Created partnership with CNMI DPW Federal High Ways Section to fund STEM Summer Internship Programs i.e. Engineering;

Shared approximately 7,327 JVAs via social media platforms and email to recipients;

Featured 31 graduated scholarship recipients through the #IAMACNMISCHOLAR campaign;

Encouraged recipients to participate in the WUMI Summer Internship Programs through the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

Scholarships & Grants

Implemented electronic funds transfer to the University of Guam;

Disbursed approximately \$2,226,613 in scholarships & loans;

Awarded 1,372 scholarships and grants;

Offered 9 (nine) programs: Commonwealth College Access Grant (CCAG), Priority Fields of Study (PFoS), Bachelor's Program, Marianas Employees Financial Assistance (MEFA), Graduate School Student Loans (GSSL), Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), Incentives, VocAid for trades schools, and Higher achiever's Tracvel Aid (HATA).

STUDENT ACCESS

Applicants by Gender

778

456

No. of Outreach Conducted 23

Award Counts

1,372

STUDENT SUCCESS

Top Areas of Study

- #1 Business
- #2 Education
- #3 Liberal Arts

250

Graduates

\$439,948.74 COMPLIED

67 COMPLIED

\$396,645.49

41 REPAYMENT WORKSERVICE

\$180,442.44

Student Loan Collections

Revenue & Appropriations	FY 2020
Revolving Account	\$180,440
Revolving Account PL10-88	\$65,299
Appropriation	\$1,985,039
Total	\$2,230,778

Where Did Our Money Go



SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSED

\$2,226,613 M

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

CLASSIFICATION	FY'20
PERSONNEL & FRINGE BENEFITS	\$292,077.00
UTILITIES	\$7,500.00
ALL OTHERS	\$1,673.31
PUBLIC AUDITORS FEE	\$19,654.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	\$320,904.31



Challenges

Collection of student achievement data from graduates;

The time period to process manual checks for the timely disbursement of scholarships;

Scholarship deadlines coinciding with closing and opening of fiscal year; and,

The wait for new funds at beginning of fiscal year to begin award requests and disbursement.

Innovation

Increase number of outreach conducted from previous year;

Enable prior recipients to do online payment of student loans;

Streamline application through online student portal;

Increase use of alternative energy when allowable.

Portfolio

Create a sustainable portfolio for the Scholarship Office to allow CSO to eventually be financially self-sufficient;

Increase collection of defaulted/overdue accounts; and,

Utilize other sources of collection.



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