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**MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION & REQUIREMENTS**

Northern Marianas College



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Purpose of Scholarship	The purpose of the Matson Navigation Company Scholarship (Matson Scholarship) is threefold: 1) To promote higher education by providing financial assistance for college students in their pursuit of professional careers, most especially in areas of business management or accounting; 2) to help alleviate the critical current and future shortage of skilled and trained workforce for the CNMI; and, 3) to provide current public and private sector employees with opportunities to improve their knowledge and skills, and enhance their career and professional development.
Guidelines	The Matson Scholarship will award one \$500 scholarship to three deserving full-time NMC students pursuing a degree in either BS in Business Managements or AAS in Accounting during the 2018-2019 school year. The scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, merit, eligibility, content of each student's written essay, and interview process (if necessary).
Conditions of Scholarship Eligibility	To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be a U.S. citizen or U.S. Permanent resident (Green Card) or residents of Guam, CNMI, Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, or the Marshall Islands 2. Be accepted and enrolled as a full-time student at NMC during the 2018-2019 school year; 3. Have a high school or college cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better; B.S. in Business Management; A.A.S. in Business Administration (Accounting Emphasis) 4. Students may be eligible and may be receiving other scholarships to be eligible for the Matson Scholarship.
Application Procedures	Applicants may obtain an application form from the NMC Financial Aid Office, or by downloading it from the NMC website at www.marianas.edu . All applications and required documents must be received by the NMC Financial Aid Office on or before the deadline. Deadline for applications is on Sept. 14, 2018. The application packet should include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An official Matson Scholarship application form; • All necessary official high school or college academic transcripts; • Proof of citizenship (copy of current Passport or court/hospital issued Birth Certificate); • A Letter of Acceptance from NMC stating the intended major; • Two (2) Letters of Recommendation from individuals who have knowledge of applicant's academic background and potential; • One written essay that should clearly address two issues: 1) Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability both in and out of school; and 2) Describe the solutions you would propose to improve or resolve a current issue, such as, the local economy, the environment, health care or a current topic of your choice (Please see written essay requirements).
Selection Criteria	Applicants will be selected based on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Financial Need 2. Community service or extra-curricular involvement (list service involvement and # of hours); 3. Two (2) letters of recommendation; 4. Written essay by the applicant; 5. An interview may be required.
Written Essay Requirements	The written essay should clearly address two issues: 1) Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability both in and out of school; and 2) Describe the solutions you would propose to improve or resolve a current issue, such as, the local economy, the environment, health care or a current topic of your choice. The format of the written essay should be typed; double spaced; font should be Times New Roman - size 12 point; page limit is 2 page minimum, 5 page maximum.
Duration of Award	It is the intent of the Matson Scholarship program to provide financial support to qualified recipients in the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019. Scholarship benefits and remaining scholarship balances may be transferred to subsequent semesters for the payment of educational services (including tuition, fees, and books).
Award Amounts	Each recipient will receive up to \$500 . The award will remain in the name of the recipient and will be placed in the custody of the Northern Marianas College's Finance Office for the respective period(s). The award will be used strictly for payment of educational services (including tuition, fees, books, etc.) received from NMC. The award may not be withdrawn for cash and is non-transferable. Scholarships will be awarded to the eligible recipients during the qualifying semester.
Suspension of Award	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the recipient drops below that of a full-time status at the end of the qualifying semester, the scholarship recipient forfeits their scholarship. 2. If the recipient completely withdraws from the semester in which the scholarship is received for, the recipient forfeits their scholarship award.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT

(Applicant, please fill this box first then hand to person making the recommendation)

Name: _____, _____ MI
Last First MI

Proposed area of study: _____ Full-Time Part-Time

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PERSON MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION:

Please assist the Northern Marianas College in trying to make an accurate determination of the prospective scholarship recipient's qualifications as related to his/her professional objective.

1. In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____
2. How long have you known the applicant? _____
3. Please complete the rating scale below by placing a check in the appropriate column that represents your candid opinion.

Please check the following in the appropriate column.		Excellent	Above Average	Average	Fair	Unable to Evaluate
Attitude	(Professional Outlook)					
Character	(Honesty, Integrity)					
Communications	(Aural-Oral Skills)					
Dependability	(Willingness-Preparation)					
Judgment	(Maturity-Professional Ethics)					
Leadership	(Initiative-Self Direction)					
Scholarship	(Professional Preparation)					

4. On a separate sheet of paper, please tell the selection committee about the applicant's academic background and potential. Attach sheet to this form.

Signature	Date
Name (please type or print)	Title
Firm/Business/Institution	Address

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