

# **SCHOLARSHIP-LOAN FOR COLLEGE PROGRAMS OFFERED THROUGH NON-TRADITIONAL MEANS**

## *Criteria for Selecting Recipients*

College Programs offered through non-traditional means should be equivalent in scope and content to similar programs offered at the degree granting school (college or university) except the delivery of courses utilizes a variety of means including the internet, CD-ROMs, and other distance format methods.

The following criteria and guidelines are hereby established, pursuant to RPPL No. 3-46, for use in awarding PNSB financial assistance in the form of student loan:

1. An applicant must be a citizen of the Republic of Palau. Must provide a copy of a valid Palau Passport **AND** birth certificate as proof of citizenship.
2. An applicant must currently be living in the Republic of Palau and must live in Palau for the duration of the program.
3. An applicant must be a full-time student.

For an undergraduate student, full-time status requires that (a) the student earns at least 12 credit hours per semester or at least 24 credits per academic year or (b) if enrolled in a non-traditional program at a U.S. accredited, secondary institution, the student earns the equivalent of at least 24 credits per academic year and is considered a full-time student by that institution.

For a graduate student, full-time status requires that (a) the student earns 6 credits per semester or at least 12 credits per academic year, or (b) if enrolled in a non-traditional program at a U.S. accredited, post-secondary institution, the student earns the equivalent of at least 12 credits per academic year and is considered a full-time student by that institution.

3. An applicant who is currently attending college or university while applying for a PNSB assistance scholarship must provide the most current official college transcript(s). An applicant who is a high school senior, transfer student, or a first year graduate student must provide official transcript(s) accompanied by a letter of acceptance from the college or university at which the student intends to enroll.
4. To be eligible for this scholarship-loan, an applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0.
5. An applicant is required to provide a copy of the course schedule/program schedule with anticipated completion date and a copy of the statement of tuition and fees.
6. Scholarship-loan for non- traditional programs may not exceed the stated student loan award ceilings established by PNSB per class level; and, not granted for longer than a cumulative period 36 months.
7. An applicant must show proof of financial need as verified by a college/university he/she is currently attending/has been accepted to.
8. **Recipients are required to remain in Palau and work for at least three-five years following completion of the program.**

\*\*\*\*\* Deadline for submitting scholarship applications and all other necessary materials is **JULY 31** of each year. All documents must be received by the Palau National Scholarship Office no later than **JULY 31** of each year. Each applicant is responsible for timely submitting his/her application; the Palau National Scholarship Board will not issue reminders.

