



## **Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarships** **for Academic Year 2018-2019** **NOW OPEN**

The Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge (BRMC) Scholarship program is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 academic year for graduate study in natural resource management or environmental conservation at any institution within the Pacific region (*such as the universities in Guam, Hawaii, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, and Japan*). The BRMC Scholarship program aims to contribute to the development of effective conservation of Micronesia's biodiversity and the promotion of sustainable livelihoods across the region.

Two BRMC Scholarships will be awarded this academic year (2018-2019), where awardees will be eligible to receive up to \$30,000 per academic year.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

To be eligible for the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship, applicant **MUST**:

- Be a citizen OR permanent resident of any of the five Micronesia Challenge jurisdictions (*Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*)
- Possess a Bachelor's degree;
- Have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of not less than 3.0; **or** a cumulative undergraduate GPA of no less than 2.0 with at least 3-5 years of work experience in conservation, climate change, or sustainable development;
- Be working for a natural resource management agency/ organization; **or** have a high potential to be hired by one;
- NOT already have a full scholarship from any other funding source;
- Be accepted or enrolled in a graduate degree program in a resource management/ conservation field at a university within the Pacific region (*Guam, Hawaii, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, or Japan*) at the time of application;
- Commit to returning to Micronesia to work in the environment sector post his/ her studies; and
- Be able to complete and submit the entire scholarship application before the deadline.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. BRMC Scholarship Application Form (fully completed)
2. Official Undergraduate Transcript
3. Acceptance Letter from an eligible graduate program
4. 2 Letters of Recommendation
  - one from a professor or an academic advisor in a related field
  - one from a supervisor or professional mentor who can speak to your expertise in environmental issues and/ or your work ethic

### **APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

START TERM	SUBMISSION DEADLINE	AWARD NOTIFICATION
FALL2018	01 June 2018	31 July 2018
SPRING 2019	01 November 2018	01 December 2018

### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

All application documents must be submitted via e-mail to:

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