

The Vital Annual Scholarship in Partnership with  
the Rotary Club of Pohnpei

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION School Year 2025-2026

### PURPOSE

The ROTARY CLUB OF POHNPEI is pleased to announce an Annual Scholarship program fully funded by VITAL-FSM PETROLEUM CORPORATION (VITAL). The scholarship will be administered through the Rotary Club of Pohnpei. This Scholarship is aimed to support FSM citizens pursuing a post-high-school education in the priority fields of Engineering, certain applied sciences such as Chemistry or Botany, Agriculture, Maritime field of study, Information Technology, Computer Science and certain business fields consistent with VITAL's business interests and needs. Other areas of study may be considered, but Engineering and the sciences will be considered first under this scholarship. Any FSM citizen who is a high school senior, a currently enrolled college student, or a high school graduate (or GED recipient) and who is accepted to attend an accredited institution of higher education during the upcoming academic year will be considered and is strongly encouraged to apply.

### SCHOLARSHIPS, AMOUNT & LIMITATIONS ON AWARDS

Scholarships up to an amount of \$5,000 each will be awarded.

Each scholarship awarded is limited up to \$2,500.00 per semester. Funds will be distributed on a per-semester basis. Before scholarship funds are released for the second semester, all awardees must submit grades or updated transcripts and proof of registration for the second semester, indicating that the awardee is continuing as a full-time student.

Vital will attempt to provide internships in the FSM for scholarship recipients who return during summer school holidays. Additionally, scholarship recipients will be given priority in hiring at Vital after they complete their education.

### ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Any FSM citizen is eligible to apply, provided he/she will be, at the time of award, a high school graduate (or GED recipient) enrolled and attending, or accepted to attend, an accredited institution of higher education during the 2025-2026 school year.
- 2) To maintain eligibility to receive scholarship funds for the entire academic year, a recipient must be a full-time student enrolled in the same degree program. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.80 (on a 4.0 scale), or its equivalent, must be maintained to qualify for continued scholarship funds both semesters. Grades or updated transcripts for each semester must be sent to:

Rotary Club of Pohnpei, Inc. – Vital-Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 1861  
Kolonia Pohnpei, FM 96941

[rotarypohnpeischolarships@gmail.com](mailto:rotarypohnpeischolarships@gmail.com)

- 3) Applicants must major in selected fields such as engineering, certain applied sciences such as chemistry or botany, agriculture or certain business fields.

#### APPLICATION DETAILS & DEADLINE

To be considered, the Scholarship Committee must receive the application, and all the requirements listed no later than July 01, 2025. Please be aware that the Scholarship Committee will consider proper grammatical usage and spelling in all applications.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the prospective educational institution completes and returns the attached Educational Expenses and Financial Resources form.

Please submit the application and all attachments in one package. The transcript may be sent separately but is still required to complete the application package.

Please remember that all mail service to/from Pohnpei can take two weeks or more, even within the FSM. Applicants should plan accordingly. **Email filings are encouraged.**

Please send the application and all other required attachments and information to:

[rotarypohnpeischolarships@gmail.com](mailto:rotarypohnpeischolarships@gmail.com)

Or send to:

**Rotary Club of Pohnpei – Scholarship Committee**  
**P.O. Box 1861**  
**Kolonia Pohnpei, FM 96941**

#### REVIEW AND INTERVIEW

The Rotary Scholarship Committee will do initial screening of applications. After a thorough review and assessment of each candidate's information, finalists will be selected. When necessary, in the sole discretion of the committee, candidates may be contacted for further information and/or interviews (which may be conducted in person or via telephone) prior to final selection. Vital reserves the right to make a final selection of scholarship winners.

The award of scholarships is discretionary to Vital, and additional extenuating factors specific to each applicant may be taken into consideration.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION School Year 2025-2026

### PART I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married

If married, spouse's name and age: \_\_\_\_\_

List names and ages of each of your children:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list the name, email address, and phone number of someone who will always be able to reach you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*(COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU ARE A STUDENT UNDER AGE 25.)*

*Father or Legal Guardian's Full Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Father's Employer and job position:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Mother or Legal Guardian's Full Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Mother's Employer and job position:* \_\_\_\_\_

### PART II. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please list all household members and ages (use separate page if needed):

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_____	_____

Please list household members employed and their annual income (use separate page if needed):


Does anyone in your household have any unusual or extraordinary expenses? (e.g., medical expenses) Please explain:


Your Tuition/Cost of attendance for SY 2025-2026: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received/applied for grants or scholarships for SY 2025-2026? Yes ☐ No ☐

TYPE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	AMOUNT REQUESTED OR EXPECTED	AMOUNT RECEIVED OR AWARDED
Pell Grant		
Scholarship		
Other		
Other		

### PART III. OBJECTIVES

MAJOR: There is a strong preference for ENGINEERING and AGRICULTURE. These other areas will also be considered. (CIRCLE ONE):

ENGINEERING ● APPLIED SCIENCES (Not Medicine or Pharmacy) ● AGRICULTURE ●  
BUSINESS ● MARITIME ● INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ● COMPUTER SCIENCE ●

The name and address of the school you plan to attend/are attending:


What career path do you envision pursuing after completing college?


How will your field of study prepare you for that career path?

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Do you intend to transfer schools during this school year? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please identify the name of the school to which you will be transferring and its address.

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When is your anticipated date of graduation? (Month and Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the **name, title, phone number, and email address** of two people who will write letters of recommendation for you. These letters need to be sent directly to the Rotary Club Scholarship Committee. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that these letters of recommendation are sent.

NAME	TITLE	CONTACT NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
1.			
2.			

On a separate sheet, provide an essay answering the following question: **How do you plan to utilize your degree to make a meaningful difference in your community after you graduate?**

The scholarship committee will use your essay to assess your commitment towards continuous improvements in our communities and in the FSM. The essay should be 1 page, double spaced. Please attach it to this application.

#### **HONORS & AWARDS/COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Please list any honors and awards you have received (including any academic honors) and the date(s) you received them. (e.g., "PICS High School Honor Roll, 2014, 2015")

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An applicant must have actively participated in at least one verifiable community service program within the past 12 months. Describe any community or service projects in which you have participated.

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BEFORE SUBMITTING, PLEASE ENSURE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ARE INCLUDED:

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Educational Expenses and Financial Resources form
- ☐ Two (2) letters of recommendation
- ☐ 1 page essay
- ☐ Proof of enrollment or acceptance at the applicable institution of higher education
- ☐ Copy of most recent transcript (may be sent separately but is still required to complete the application package.)
- ☐ Copy of your FSM passport information page

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED HERE IS TRUE,  
COMPLETE, AND ACCURATE.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES FORM

(This form must be completed, signed, and returned by the prospective educational institution. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the educational institution completes and returns this form.)

Student Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

University Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION A. EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

1. Student Tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Resident ☐ Non-Resident ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Test fees, application fees, etc. (as required by the college): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
3. Books, School, and Laboratory supplies \$ \_\_\_\_\_
4. Room and Board per semester \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Dormitory ☐ Off-Campus ☐ w/family
5. Health Insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_
6. Miscellaneous personal expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e.g., clothing, pocket money, uniforms, etc.):
7. Transportation expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION B. FINANCIAL RESOURCES

1. Pell Grant \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. Supplemental Educational Grant \$ \_\_\_\_\_
3. Income from Work Study Program \$ \_\_\_\_\_
4. Scholarships (describe) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
5. Parental support (if applicable) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
6. Spousal support (if applicable) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
7. Loans (describe) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
8. Other financial resource (describe) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL NEED (total expenses less resources)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### CERTIFICATION

(To be signed by the Counselor, Advisor or Financial Aid Officer who assisted in the preparation of this form.)

I have reviewed this form with the applicant and believe that the information is complete and accurate. The applicant is in good standing and accepted for admission to the accredited post-secondary institutional financial assistance programs from which he or she is eligible to receive funding.

PRINTED NAME, TITLE, & SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_