The Vital Annual Scholarship
In partnership with
The Rotary Club of Pohnpei, Inc.
P.O. BOX 1861
KOLONIA, POHNPEI FM 96941

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION
2022-2023 School Year

I. 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, Inc. This Scholarship will support FSM citizens who pursue a post-high school education in the priority fields of Engineering, certain applied sciences such as Chemistry or Botany, Agriculture, Maritime fields 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) and accepted to attend an accredited institution of higher education during the upcoming academic year will be considered and is strongly encouraged to apply.

II. 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, in the name of the student and the school, and may be used only for valid school-related expenses. Before any scholarship funds will be released for payment of second semester school-related expenses, each scholarship recipient must submit valid proof to the Rotary Club that the funds distributed for the first semester were used to pay for first semester valid school-related expenses; plus, the recipient’s grade report (transcript) for the first semester must be submitted to and received by the Rotary Club by February 28, 2023. Additionally, registration verification for the second semester must be submitted, showing that you are continuing as a full time student.

It is the ultimate intent of this scholarship program to have the scholarship apply for the remaining years of a student’s program at college, HOWEVER, no guarantees can be
made with this scholarship award, and continuing students will be required to apply for additional scholarships in future years.

Further, for those scholarship recipients who return to the FSM during summer school holidays, Vital will attempt for its scholarship recipients to provide internships with Vital in the FSM during summer vacations. Priority will also be given to scholarship recipients in hiring at Vital, after the completion of their education.

III. ELIGIBILITY:

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 2022-2023 school year.

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 and must make academic progress toward his/her degree by successfully completing a full-time course load as verified by your university each semester that scholarship funds are received. If you drop classes or are withdrawn by your instructor you may not meet this requirement. 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. Upon receipt, grade reports (transcripts) for each semester must be sent to:

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P.O. Box 1861
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or rotarypohnpei@gmail.com

Students attending institutions where the academic year is based on a system other than the semester system (e.g., a “term” system) must be enrolled for the equivalent of a full academic year at that institution.

IV. INITIAL QUALIFICATION & BASIS OF SELECTION:

A. Required:

1. Applicants must affirmatively show the need for financial assistance in pursuing higher education.

2. At a minimum, an applicant must have actively participated in at least one verifiable community service program within the past 12 months.
3. Applicants must submit a formal application (see College Scholarship Application form, attached), with all required documentation and letters of recommendation attached thereto. (See PART V)

4. Applicants should major in selected fields such as engineering, certain applied sciences such as chemistry or botany, agriculture, maritime fields of study, certain business areas, and also information technology or computer science.

5. An application containing false, misleading or incomplete information will be disqualified.

6. To receive the second half of the award of this scholarship or to be eligible to reapply in following years, it is important to maintain your major in one of the qualifying fields. A change of major may disqualify you for the current or any future scholarships.

B. Recommended:

1. Applicant should be an individual who has impressed fellow students, members of the faculty, and/or members of the community as a person who is deserving of a chance to continue his/her education with the demonstrated ability, industriousness, dependability and determination to achieve his/her goals.

2. Applicant should show a true desire and ability to further his/her education and should be an active participant in school and/or church and/or community activities that ultimately contribute to the betterment of his/her community.

3. Applicant should be an individual who plans, ultimately, to return to the FSM to live and work in his/her chosen profession.

4. Applicant should show a great interest in the required fields and desire to work in that area of study after graduation.

V. APPLICATION DETAILS & DEADLINE:

1. To be considered, the Scholarship Committee must receive the application and all the following additional documentation no later than July 1, 2022.

2. College Scholarship Application Form must be filled in completely and accurately in the applicant’s own handwriting or typewritten. The completed form consists of: Part I General Information
   Part II Family/Financial Information
   Part III Career Objectives
   Part IV Honors & Awards/Community Service
3. Please be aware that the Scholarship Committee will consider correct English grammatical usage and spelling in all applications.

4. For high school seniors and incoming freshmen to university you are also required to submit your SAT scores.

5. Three (3) letters of recommendation, preferably from teachers, counselors, school administrators or religious leaders must be received. Additionally, it is the applicant’s responsibility to insure that the prospective educational institution completes and submits the attached Educational Expenses and Financial Resources form.

6. Proof of enrollment or acceptance at the applicable institution of higher education must be submitted, along with proof of enrollment in one of the required majors.

7. Transcript of previous or current educational institution must be submitted. This means a transcript showing completion of coursework Spring 2022.

8. A copy of the information page of your FSM Passport.

9. Please remember that all mail service to/from Pohnpei can take two weeks or more, even within the FSM. Applicants should plan accordingly. Please send the four-page application plus all other required information to:

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   or rotarypohnpei@gmail.com

VI. 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.

For the convenience of the reviewing parties, it is encouraged that all applicants submit all documentation in one package at one time.
VII. FINAL SELECTION:

Scholarship awards will be announced no later than August 15, 2022. All selections made by Vital will be final.

For further information, please contact your school counselor, Financial aid advisor or Rotary Club of Pohnpei, Inc. – Vital Scholarship Committee

The award of scholarships is discretionary to Vital, and additional extenuating factors specific to each applicant may be taken into consideration.
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MAJOR
A strong preference for the areas listed below will be shown to applicants. Other areas of study may also be considered.

ENGINEERING
APPLIED SCIENCES
AGRICULTURE
BUSINESS
(Not Medicine or Pharmacy)

MARITIME FIELDS
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY or COMPUTER SCIENCE
YOU MUST CIRCLE ONE

PART I. GENERAL INFORMATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name ______________________________________________________________________

(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

(No./Street/P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip code)

Telephone: (   ) _________________ Email: ________________________________

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Place: __________________ FSM S.S.# ______________

Check one: Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____

If married, spouse’s name and age: ____________________________________________

Children: Yes _____ No ______

If yes, please list name and age of each:

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

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### PART II. FAMILY/FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. Parents or Legal Guardians (For students under 25):
   (a) Name: _______________________  Relationship__________________________
       Employer: _____________________  Position__________________________
   (b) Name:________________________ Relationship________________________
       Employer: _____________________  Position__________________________

   All Applicants must complete this.
   Please list all others living in your family household (include ages):
       ___________________________________________________________________
       ___________________________________________________________________
       ___________________________________________________________________

2. Please list household members employed and income(s):
       ___________________________________________________________________
       ___________________________________________________________________
       ___________________________________________________________________

3. Does your family have any unusual or extraordinary expenses? (e.g. medical expenses)
   Please explain:
       ___________________________________________________________________
       ___________________________________________________________________
       ___________________________________________________________________

4. Have you received or applied for any grants or other scholarships for 2022-2023?

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5. How much are your tuition costs anticipated to be:
   _______________________________________________________________________
6. Please list all grants and scholarships received for the 2021-2022 school year.

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**PART III. CAREER OBJECTIVES**

1. **College/Area of Study/Career Objectives:** Please list (a) the name and address of the school you plan to attend/are attending; (b) your intended major and minor fields of study; and (c) your career objectives.

   (a) School: _______________________________  
              _______________________________  
              _______________________________

   (b) Major: ___________________________  Minor: _______________________

   Please make sure the major shown qualifies as one sought for this scholarship.

   (c) Career Objectives:  
                          _______________________________  
                          _______________________________  
                          _______________________________

2. Do you intend to transfer schools during this school year?  
   If yes, please list the following information?

   (a) School: _______________________________  
              _______________________________  
              _______________________________

   (b) Major: ___________________________  Minor: _______________________

   (c) Accepted (yes/no) When would you start? _______________________

3. **When is your anticipated date of graduation?**  
   Month, Year_________________________
4. **Letters of Recommendation:** Please list the name, address, phone no., position and relationship to you (if any) if each person you have asked to write letters of recommendation. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that these letters of recommendation are sent.

(a) 

(b) 

(c) 

5. **Permanent Contact:** Please list the name, mailing address, phone no. and relationship to you of someone who will always be able to reach you:

Name: __________________________  Relationship: __________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________

____________________________________________

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Phone No. (     ) ______________________________

(Area code)

Fax: (     ) ______________________________

(Area code)

Email: __________________________

6. **Essay:** Please attach extra sheets.

Please describe how your course of study will assist in contributing in a post-COVID-19 FSM

*Please be as specific as possible. (Your response should be at least one page double spaced but not longer than two pages double spaced.)*
PART IV. HONORS & AWARDS/COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. **Honors & Awards:** 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, 2017, 2018”)

   ______________________________________________________

   ______________________________________________________

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   ______________________________________________________

2. **Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:** Please list any community service projects in which you are/have been involved and your extracurricular activities, noting the dates of involvement:

   ______________________________________________________

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3. **Please explain why your community service/extracurricular activities will assist you with your career goals:** (Max 200 words)

   ______________________________________________________

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE ABOVE SIX (6) PAGES IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.

Date: ________________  Signed: ________________________________
EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES FORM*

**Student Name:** ____________________________________________________

**Address:** ________________________________________________________________________________________________

**University Name:** ________________________________________________________________

**Address:** ________________________________________________________________________________________________

**Section A. EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES**

1. **Student Tuition:**
   - [ ] Resident
   - [ ] Non-Resident
   - [ ] NA
   $__________

2. **Test fees, application fees, Library fees, Lab fees, Student Body fees, etc. as required by the college:**
   $__________

3. **Books, School and Laboratory supplies:**
   $__________

4. **Room and Board for ____ months: (Specify) __ 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 Opportunity Grant (SEOG)**
   $__________

3. **College Work-Study Program**
   $__________

4. **Scholarship Grant awarded by College (identify):**
   $__________

5. **Other scholarship award(s) (identify):**
   $__________

6. **Parental support (a reasonable amount of support is expected)**
   $__________

7. **Student’s own resources:**
   $__________

8. **Spouse’s support:**
   $__________

9. **Loans (identify):**
   $__________

10. **Others (identify):**
   $__________

**TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES**
$__________

**Financial Need:** (subtract Section B from Section A) $__________

**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.

**SIGNATURE:** ____________________________________________________ **DATE:** ______________________________

**Official:** ____________________________________________________ **Seal** **DATE:** ______________________________

*(Note: This form must be received by the Rotary Scholarship Committee no later than July 15, 2022)*