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MTEC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) is now accepting applications for its SY 2021-2022 scholarship program, which will award a \$2,000 scholarship and a \$1,000 scholarship for two high school seniors who have been members of a MY WAVE (Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) Club for at least one year in high school.

Graduating high school seniors pursuing higher education are eligible to apply, and the application deadline is April 29, 2022.

“The message of MTEC and the Marianas Visitors Authority in our annual school outreach has always been for students to learn about our Marianas tourism economy and be a part of it, including be a part of a MY WAVE Club, which start at 5th grade and go all the way up to high school,” said MTEC Acting Chairwoman Vicky Benavente. “The MTEC Scholarship is made possible through the work of the MTEC Board of Directors and from our generous sponsors and businesses who have a stake in the islands’ tourism and hospitality industry.”

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have at least 1 year membership in a high school MY WAVE Club
- Submission of Official Transcript from last high school attended showing GPA of

3.0 or higher

- Recommendation Letter from a current or former Teacher, MY WAVE Club

Advisor, Counselor or Administrator

- Essay submission from applicant, describing career pathway/goals and purpose of study (300-500 words essay limit, typed)
- Acceptance Letter from university or college applied to
- Three (3) proof of MY WAVE CLUB (MWC) active participation
- Submission of the MY WAVE Club/ Community Involvement Summary

Applications are available at the Marianas Visitors Authority office when the new school year starts. The first MTEC Scholarship was issued in 2017 to Saipan Southern High School graduate Renafe Aniga.

In addition to Benavente, MTEC Board members include Priscilla M. Iakopo (Marianas Visitors Authority), Martin Duenas (Marianas Visitors Authority), Galvin Guerrero (Northern Marianas College), Larry Lee, Naomi Nishimura (CNMI Public School System), Gordon Marciano (PDI), Catherine Perry (Integrity Communications), and Glenn Policare (Kanoa Resort).

For an application or information, contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Jack Aranda at jaranada@mymarianas.com or 1.670.664.3200.

The Marianas is an archipelago of 14 islands - including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota - in the Western Pacific. The Marianas are home to indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian people, as well as over 20 different ethnicities from around the world who live and work in this harmonious tropical paradise. Ancient latte stone limestone monoliths, traditional nature-based ocean navigation not reliant on modern technology, and a culture seasoned by East and West influences are just a few of the experiences found in The Marianas, where pristine sea, sand, and skies are only a 3-4 hour flight from major Asian gateway cities. The Marianas is the first destination with a travel bubble agreement with South Korea, where Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights to Saipan from Seoul-Incheon and Air Busan is operating weekly flights in February 2022 from Busan. United Airlines flies daily from Guam. Interisland travel to Rota and Tinian is provided by Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit www.mymarianas.com, Facebook/VisitTheMarianas, or Instagram @themarianas.

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