



CNMI SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE 2021 Citizen Centric Report

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The CNMI Scholarship Office (CSO) is an autonomous agency created by PL 18-40 and is governed by five board of directors and managed by an Administrator.

CSO strives to provide college student access programs and related resources to promote student success. Furthermore, CSO is fully committed to continuing with the streamlining of the application, scholarship disbursement, and compliance process. The stewardship of CSO funds remains a priority by ensuring all CSO funds are used by what is priority in our workforce.

MISSION

Our Approach

To provide college access programs to eligible CNMI residents who wish to pursue their post-secondary, graduate, and postgraduate degree; or, a certificate in the trades.

VISION

Desired Future Position

To have an educated and well-trained human capital to support our economic growth and promote the prosperity of the people in the CNMI.

WHO ARE WE



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STRATEGIC GOALS

Student Access

To Continue to implement scholarships programs to fill highly needed job categories in our workforce.

Continue to streamline the application, disbursement and compliance process.

Student Success

Increase the collection of academic achievement data and employment data of graduates.

Implement online student loan repayment.

Implement online student portal for compliance.

Staff Development

Staff enrolled online to pursue higher degrees ranging from associates to bachelors degrees.

Enable staff to participate at local & national training and conferences to gain knowledge on initiatives and best practices relating to their fields of work.

EMPLOYEES



High School

- Commonwealth College Access Grant (CCAG)

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

WUE
\$1,231,668

+

WRGP
\$39,618

+

PSEP
\$126,067

=

680%
Return on Investment

FY21 WICHE DUES
\$53,000

+

PSEP
\$126,067

Undergraduate



- Bachelor Program
- Educational Assistance Program Base (EAP Base)
- Incentive Award
- Marianas Employees Financial Aid (MEFA)
- Nursing School Scholarship (NSS)
- Priority Field of Study (PFoS)
- WICHE Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

HIGHLIGHTS

Compliance, Repayment & Collections

Increased student loan repayment collection by 26%;

Completed audits & program evaluation of HS PL14-37 program;

Continued audits & program evaluation of TCHR PL10-58 program;

Updated Recipient Index & completed 90% of Recipient Masterlist.

WICHE

Helped enlist the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) to become members of the commission which in turn decreased CNMI's membership fee;

Continued the WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP);

Began work on WICHE State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA);

WUE Savings \$1.2 million (104 undergraduates);

WRGP Savings \$39,618 (3 graduate students);

PSEP Savings \$126,067 (4 Professional Healthcare Students);

680% Return on Investments through WICHE membership.

Scholarships & Grants

Disbursed approximately \$424,583.15 in scholarships & loans;

Awarded 845 scholarships and grants;

Offered 8 (eight) programs: Educational Assistance Program (EAP),

Nursing School Scholarship (NSS),

Department of Public Safety & Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services,

Commonwealth College Access Grant (CCAG),

Priority Fields of Study (PFoS),

Marianas Employees Financial Assistance (MEFA),

VocAid for trades schools,

and Graduate School Student Loans (GSSL), and Incentives.

Graduate & Post Graduate

- Graduate School Student Loan (GSSL)
- Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP)
- Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)

I am a CNMI Scholar Campaign

Featured 38 Graduates in our workforce.

STUDENT ACCESS

Applicants by Gender



No. of Outreach Conducted

5



No. of JVA's Shared

15,062



Award Counts



845

STUDENT SUCCESS

Top Areas of Study

- #1 Education
- #2 Business
- #3 Liberal Arts

261 Graduates



\$257,132.98 COMPLIED
21 COMPLIED

48 REPAYMENT WORKSERVICE
\$402,634.24



\$169,671.55 Student Loan Collections

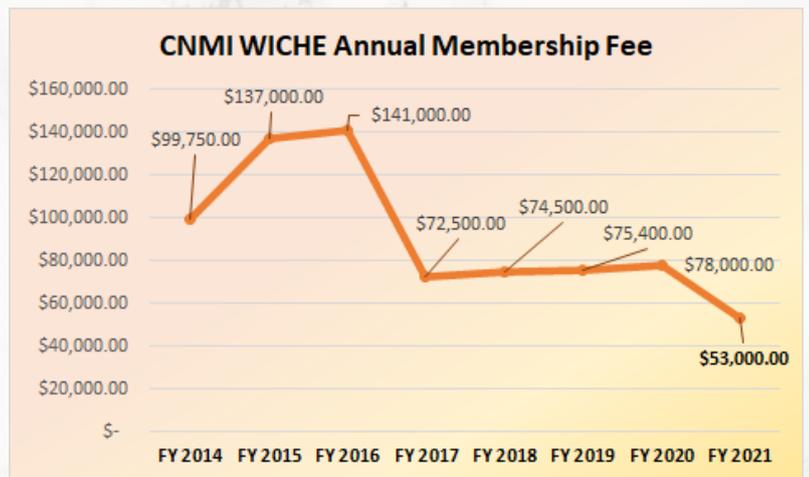
Revenue & Appropriations	FY 2021	
Revolving Account	\$	169,672.00
Revolving Account PL10-88	\$	132,814.00
Appropriation	\$	725,210.00
Total	\$	1,027,696.00

Where Did Our Money Go



SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSED

\$424,583



OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Classification	FY 2021	
Personnel & Fringe Benefits	\$	187,323.00
Utilities	\$	7,500.00
Public Auditor's Fee	\$	24,752.00
Total	\$	219,575.00

Challenges

Collection of student achievement data from graduates;

The time period to process manual checks for the timely disbursement of scholarships;

Scholarship deadlines coinciding with closing and opening of fiscal year; and,

The wait for new funds at beginning of fiscal year to begin award requests and disbursement.

Innovation

Increase number of outreach conducted from previous year;

Enable prior recipients to do online payment of student loans;

Streamline application through online student portal;

Increase use of alternative energy when allowable.

Digitalize documents for easy accessibility/less paper-trail.

Portfolio

Create a sustainable portfolio for the Scholarship Office to allow CSO to eventually be financially self-sufficient;

Increase collection of defaulted/overdue accounts; and,

Utilize other sources of collection.



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