#### UNIVERSITY OF GUAM FINANCIAL AID OFFICE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019

# ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS**

These instructions are for the Access to Higher Education Grant Program sponsored by the Government of Guam. The Board of Regents selects the recipients of this award on the basis of scholastic ability, residency, financial need, and aptitude. The Board may also use work or life-time experience and achievement criteria in place of the aptitude criterion, if through such experience, it can be reasonably determined that the applicant will succeed in a course of study.

# Please read these instructions carefully. *IF YOUR APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE LATE AND/OR INCOMPLETE, IT WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION.*

#### THE ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION:

- 1. You must complete all sections and sign the application form. Please do not leave any section blank. If the section does not apply to you, please indicate with a "N/A" or "none".
- You must submit the completed application form and all required documents to the Financial Aid Office, located at the University of Guam Calvo Field House, by <u>5:00 P.M. AUGUST 31, 2018</u>. Applications submitted by mail must be postmarked on or before AUGUST 31, 2018.

#### APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Please complete the following sections on the application form attached. You must also submit the required documents to support the information given.

## SECTION 1: PERSONAL DATA

- [ ] You must provide **PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP or PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIEN** status:
  - a) If you are claiming U.S. Citizenship, please submit a copy of your official birth certificate, U.S. Passport, or a copy of your naturalization certificate.
  - b) If you are a permanent resident alien, please submit a copy of your alien registration card.
  - c) If you are citizen of FSM, Republic of Palau, or Republic of the Marshall Islands, please submit a copy of your official birth certificate or a copy of valid passport.

#### SECTION 2: EDUCATIONAL DATA

[ ] You must submit an ACCEPTANCE LETTER:

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- a) If you are entering as a new student, you must submit a copy of your letter of acceptance from the University of Guam.
- ] You must submit **OFFICIAL ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS** for all institutions attended.
  - a) For new undergraduate students, you must submit your official transcript conferring your high school diploma.
  - b) If you are currently attending the University of Guam, submit an official transcript from the University.

#### STATEMENT OF RESIDENCY

[ ] You must submit **PROOF OF FOUR (4) YEAR GUAM RESIDENCY** by providing **ONE OR MORE** of the following to satisfy the four year residency period. (Residency period of not less than four (4) years immediately preceding June 15th of the year award is to be given)

- a) A voter registration for elections certified by the Guam Election Commission.
- b) \*Copies of filed income tax records stamped received by the Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation or Tax Transcripts provided by the Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation.
- c) \*Proof of Recipient of Public Assistance on Guam through submission a certified statement indicating period of assistance from agencies providing the assistance.

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- d) Official transcripts of all schools attended on Guam (public or private high schools, middle schools, elementary schools, etc.)
- e) Bank statement of Mortgage on principal residence.
- \*Applicant must be listed on all documents submitted by parents or guardians.

#### ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

[ ] You must apply for the <u>2018-2019 FAFSA</u>. You must include UOG Title IV Code 003935 in the School Selection section of the FAFSA. While students may mail completed FAFSA forms to USDOE, we encourage all students to apply online. The FAFSA can be accessed at <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u>. Upon completion of the FAFSA, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). The SAR must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office, with this application to complete your file.

#### PRELIMINARY SCREENING AND SELECTION(S):

If your application with the above supporting documents is COMPLETE, it will be submitted to the Board of Regents Scholarship Committee for their recommendation. It will then be forwarded to the Board of Regents regular meeting for action. We will notify you in writing of the Board's decision on your application (around September/October for the Academic Year of application). If approved, you will be required to attend a MANDATORY PRE-AWARD ORIENTATION prior to receiving the award benefits.

# APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00 P.M. AUGUST 31, 2018

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT: Telephone (671) 735-2288 or Fax (671) 734-2907. We can also be reached by e-mail at – sfap@triton.uog.edu