



CNMI SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE

2018 Citizen Centric Report

EST: 2014

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 continue with the streamlining of the application and scholarship disbursement 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 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 and disbursement 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.

Build capacity through Professional Development Day.

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)

Undergraduate



- Bachelor Program
- Educational Assistance Program Base (EAP Base)
- High Achiever Travel Aid (HATA)
- Incentive Award
- Marianas Employees Financial Aid (MEFA)
- Nursing School Scholarship (NSS)
- Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)
- Priority Field of Study (PFoS)
- WICHE Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

Trade & Technical

- Vocational and Trade Aid (VocAid)



Graduate & Post Graduate

- Graduate School Student Loan (GSSL)
- WICHE Western Regional Undergraduate Program (WRGP)

COMMONWEALTH WORKERS' EDUCATION FUNDS (CW FUNDS)

Recipients

- Latte Training Academy
- Northern Marianas College
- Northern Marianas Trades Academy

I AM A CNMI SCHOLAR CAMPAIGN

Featured 52 Graduates in our workforce.

WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)

- Dentistry (1)
- Allopathic Medicine (2)
- Occupational Therapy (1)
- Osteopathic Medicine (1)
- Physical Therapy (2)
- Physician Assistant (1)
- Veterinary Medicine (1)
- Pharmacy (1)

WUE
\$680,427

+

WRGP
\$15,704

=

FY18 WICHE DUES
\$74,500

934%
Return on Investment

HIGHLIGHTS

Student Success

Launched the "I Am A CNMI Scholar" Campaign to recognize graduates who joined our workforce.

Began conversation with our regional partners (University of Guam) regarding student success & graduate data.

WICHI

Implemented the WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP).

Presented to the Chiefs of the Micronesian Islands Forum.

Met with RMI, ROP, & FSM Officials regarding becoming WICHE Members

Others

Designated November as CNMI Scholarship Month and Proclaimed the 1st CNMI Scholarship Month

Student Access

Launched the online student portal.

Implemented the electronic funds transfer of all NMC scholarships cutting disbursement period from 3-5 weeks to a week on average.

Implemented Nine (9) new student access programs ranging from high school to graduate/graduate.

Began conversation with our regional partners (University of Guam) regarding student access graduate data.

Digitized the file management system.

Began conversation with our regional partners (University of Guam) regarding scholarship disbursement.

STUDENT ACCESS

Island Applicants Recipients

Saipan	1079	535
Tinian	62	14
Rota	58	19

No. of Outreach Conducted 12

Applicants by Gender

743 456

Award Counts



353 Other



551 NMC

STUDENT SUCCESS

Top Areas of Study

Business
Liberal Arts
Education

619 Graduates

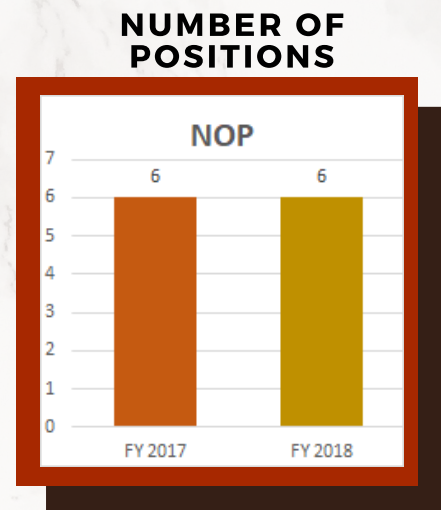
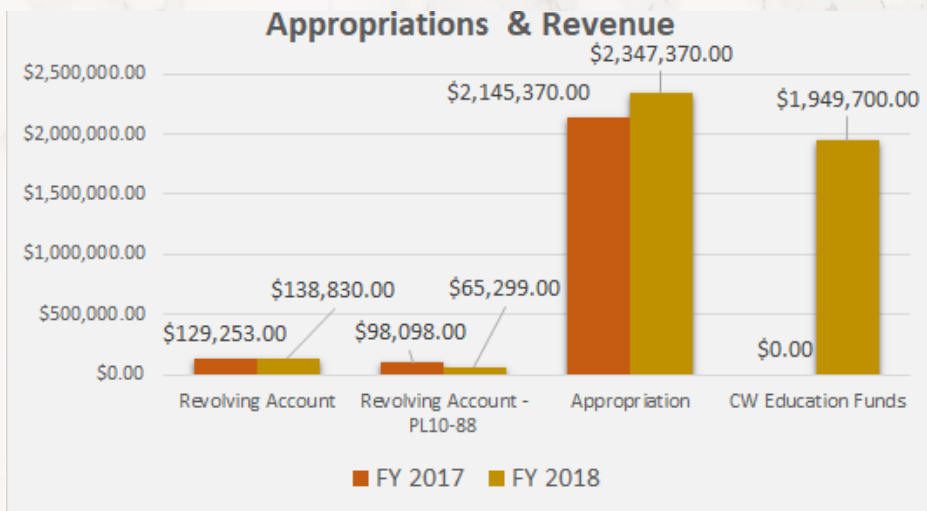


\$481,016.24 COMPLIED 5 COMPLIED

48 REPAYMENT WORKSERVICE \$569,343.11



\$138,830 Student Loan Collections



ALLOCATION BY % PER APPROPRIATION

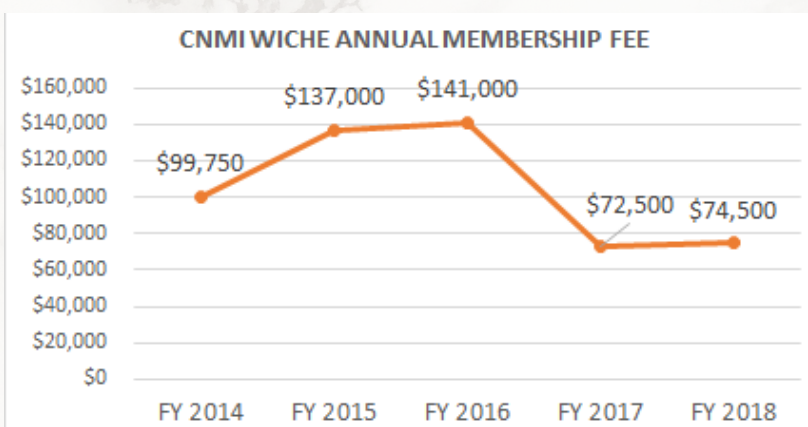
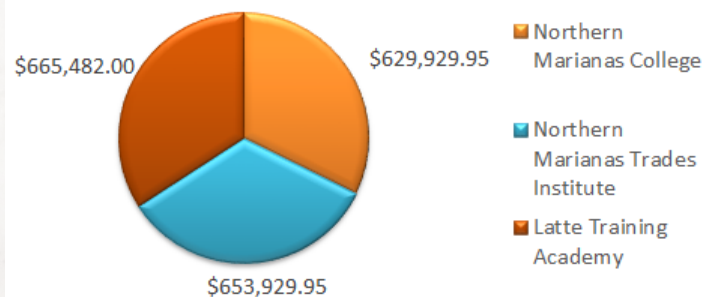
	FY 2017		FY 2018	
	Appropriation	Allocation by %	Appropriation	Allocation by %
Personnel	\$169,726	7.911%	\$181,100	4.214%
Operations	\$1,969,644	91.809%	\$4,109,970	95.646%
Utilities	\$6,000	0.280%	\$6,000	0.140%
Total Allocations	\$2,145,370	100%	\$4,297,070	100%

FUNDING PER OVERALL BUDGET

	FY 2017	FY 2018
Overall CNMI Budget	\$142,209,601	\$150,114,119
Appropriation & CW Ed Funds	\$2,145,370	\$4,297,070
% of Overall CNMI Budget	1.509%	2.863%

Where Did Our Money Go

FY 2018 CW Education Funds Disbursement

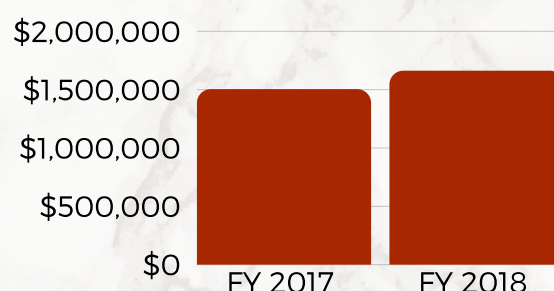


Appropriation:	\$ 1,949,700	100.00%
Balance:	\$ 356	0.02%
Total Disbursed:	\$ 1,949,342	99.98%
Total Awarded:	\$ 1,949,344	99.98%



SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSED

\$1,658,182 M **11% INCREASE**



OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Classification	FY 2017	FY 2018
Personnel & Fringe Benefits	\$ 170,694	\$ 201,133
Utilities - Power	\$ 6,116	\$ 7,479
All Others	\$ 1,766,765	\$ 3,760,803
Public Auditor's 1% Fee	\$ 16,646	\$ 21,241
Total Annual Expenditure	\$ 1,960,221	\$ 3,990,656

Challenges

Collection of student achievement data from graduates;

The period of processing manual checks for early 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

Enable prior recipients to do online payment of student loans;

Utilized and enable online student portal to allow upload of supporting documents; and,

Use alternative energy where ever possible.

Portfolio

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

Increase collection of bad debts; and,

Utilize other source of collection.

Workforce Development

To Implement the TRAIN Internship & Fellowship Program to entice our off-island graduates to return to the CNMI workforce and fill job categories that need transition of foreign labor workers to eligible resident workers.



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