

# **COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM**

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#### College of Micronesia-FSM We Care Student Aid

# I. PURPOSE

The **College of Micronesia-FSM We Care Student Aid** is intended to support students facing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This aid provides the selected students the supplemental financial assistance to cover outstanding (or unpaid) tuition and matriculation fees, including on-campus room and board fees after all federal grants and national and state scholarships are applied.

## II. NUMBER OF AWARDS, AMOUNT & LIMITATION

The number of awards shall depend on the availability of funds.

This student aid must be applied to the recipient's outstanding balance on tuition and required matriculation fees (e.g., housing, transportation and books) at the college for the academic term beginning spring 2020. If funding is still available, this student assistance will be awarded until such a time that the COVID-19 Public Health Declaration is lifted.

# III. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must:

- A. Be a citizen of the freely associated states (Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands), or a US citizen or national.
- B. Be a continuing or returning<sup>1</sup> student at the College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) in the fall of 2021.
- C. Enroll in an undergraduate program of study as a full-time<sup>2</sup> student at COM-FSM in the fall of 2021. Graduating students in the fall of 2021 may be considered depending on the required credits needed to graduate.
- D. Be eligible or was eligible for US Federal Student Aid (FSA).
- E. Have incurred outstanding (or unpaid) balance at COM-FSM on tuition and required fees, including oncampus room and board fees during the spring, summer, and/or fall 2020 terms, and spring or summer 2021 terms.
- F. Make use of the college's student support services, such as tutorial in lieu of withdrawing from classes.

# IV. QUALIFICATION AND BASIS OF SELECTION

The applicant must:

- A. Demonstrate financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This will be determined by the college's Financial Aid Office (FAO).
- B. Show a genuine desire and ability to continue attending the college to achieve his or her educational goals.
- C. Complete the application process.

### V. APPLICATION DETAIL AND DEADLINE

A. Obtain an application for the **College of Micronesia-FSM We Care Student Aid** from Financial Aid Office (FAO) at all campuses. Form may also be downloaded from the college's website (insert link here).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Student who has a break in his or her attendance from COM-FSM of one year or more.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>A Students who register for 12 or more semester credits in a regular semester or six credits in a summer session (see <u>BP No. 4005</u>).

College of Micronesia-FSM is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

B. Complete and submit the application for the College of Micronesia-FSM We Care Student Aid to:

Financial Aid Office College of Micronesia-FSM P.O. Box 159 Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941

Application is open June 21, 2021, and deadline for submission of application is no later than July 30, 2021.