



Brief Background:

MRL Capital Limited's (MRL) Tertiary Education Scholarship Program, is a program established in accordance with the Community Services Charter (CSO Charter).

The CSO Charter guides MRL in governing, managing and administering the implementation of community projects & programs to improve the delivery & access to health, education, and social services, and to provide opportunities for the integral human development of all Lihirians.

Vision:

MRL Capital Limited's (MRLC) vision is to see the integral human development of all Lihirians. The Scheme aims to promote knowledge, global and cultural awareness, and encourage Lihirians to think globally and act locally in their efforts to develop themselves, their community, province and country.

Purpose:

To contribute to the equitable economic growth of Lihir, by developing highly skilled Lihirians who are able to apply their professional and technical expertise, experience and leadership skills in the workplace and in their communities.

Overall Goals:

The overall goals of the Scholarship Program are –

- a) to develop the capacity and leadership skills of all Lihirians so they can contribute to development; and
- b) to build professional networks at the individual, institutional, and country levels.

The program is designed to invite Lihirians to acquire knowledge through inquisitive learning, to build local, regional and global professional networks, and ultimately use these resources to raise the standard of living among all Lihirians and achieve sustainable development over time.

This scholarship scheme provides opportunities for Lihirians to take up postgraduate or undergraduate studies at tertiary institutions in PNG.

Priority Fields of Study

- Health - Rural Health, Environmental Health, Medicine
- Education – Secondary & Primary
- Building & Infrastructure – Architecture & Building, Property Economics, Surveying
- Business & Law – Accounting & Sustainable Business, Law
- Agriculture – Tropical Agriculture & Fisheries & Marine Resources
- Engineering – Electrical, Mining and Mechanical

A limited number of scholarships are offered in these priority sectors and fields of study. Preference is given to applicants applying for sponsorship in the fields of study specified.

Levels of Study

Applicants can apply for:

- Undergraduate - Bachelor Degree Courses (the maximum duration for study permitted for a Bachelor degree is four years)
- Postgraduate - Course work programs i.e Graduate Certificate, Diploma, and Masters (the maximum duration for a master degree program is two years)

Course & Institution Research

It is important that you do your own research before submitting an application for a scholarship. Consider the specific area of study and ensure you satisfy the entry requirements of the institution where you are planning to study. When researching an appropriate course and institution, consider the location of the institution, environment and the cost of living in the area where the institution is located as that will have an impact on your study if you are awarded a scholarship.

MRLC will sponsor students to Tertiary Institutions such as –

- ✓ Divine Word University www.dwu.ac.pg
- ✓ University of Technology www.unitech.ac.pg
- ✓ University of Papua New Guinea www.upng.ac.pg
- ✓ University of Natural Resources and Environment www.unre.ac.pg
- ✓ Pacific Adventist University www.pau.ac.pg
- ✓ University of Goroka www.uog.ac.pg

Programs Not Available Under MRLC Scholarship

Scholarships are not available for -

- Vocational Education and Training courses (VET)
- TAFE
- Undergraduate veterinary science programs
- Training in areas related to nuclear technology
- Study by distance or external mode
- Pre-course English and Foundation courses
- Institutions in the Philippines

Eligibility & Other Requirements

You need to meet all requirements prior to submitting an application for sponsorship.

- Must be Lihirian, or at least have one biological parent who is Lihirian
- Successfully completed Grade 12 with a minimum of A, B & C grades
- Certified academic transcripts & certificates
- Must not be sponsored under any scholarship schemes at the time of application
- Must not have a criminal record or convicted of a serious crime
- Must be in good health
- Provide 2 recent character references from –
 - the education institution you are attending
 - a community leader or church elder
 - the chairman of your clan
- Valid Identification Card

**DO NOT SUBMIT AN APPLICATION
FOR SPONSORSHIP UNLESS
YOU MEET ALL THESE REQUIREMENTS.**

Selection Criteria

Selection is based on a competitive and transparent process that takes into account -

- Academic ability including academic record and performance
- Leadership evidence
- Development benefit and reintegration plan

Scholarships are awarded on merit and are reviewed every year to ensure that students maintain a certain level of competency. Awardees in PNG are expected to maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average of +2.5

Benefits

- Tuition Fees – full tuition fee for the approved program
- Return Airfares - Return ticket every year from home to the education institution. A standard economy class ticket by the most direct route from a domestic airport in PNG to the airport closest to the institution
- Establishment Allowance - A once off payment as contribution towards expenses such as study material and other miscellaneous needs at commencement of study
- Monthly Stipend
- Book Allowance
- All Graduation Cost (Including hire of graduation gown, return air fare for awardee and both parents, 3 nights' accommodation and transportation)

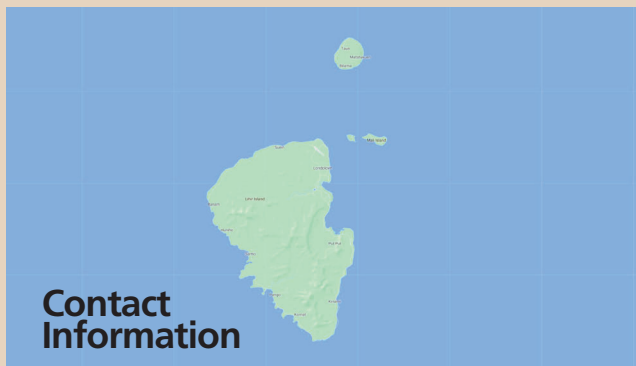
Accommodation & Mobilization

We try to arrange on-campus accommodation for all awardees. In cases where on-campus accommodation is not provided, off-campus accommodation arrangements are made and paid for.

Mobilization costs and arrangements are also paid by MRL from the time an awardee is offered a scholarship until the end of the program.

Pre-departure Briefing

All successful & continuing awardees will be required to attend a pre-departure briefing before the commencement of each academic year.



Contact Information

Completed applications including all relevant documentation can either be dropped off at our offices in Port Moresby and Lihir or mailed to us at these addresses. Note that we do NOT accept applications that are sent via facsimile.

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