



Tertiary Education Scholarship Program (PNG Based)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM - 2026

Basic Eligibility & Other Requirements

All applicants must meet the following basic eligibility requirements prior to applying for sponsorship:

- ✓ *Must Lihirian by birth and/or have a parent (mother or father) who is a Lihirian (adopted applicants do not qualify);*
- ✓ *Successfully completed the first year of studies in an approved priority field at an MRL approved tertiary institution;*
- ✓ *Must be either under the AES or HECAS category under the TESAS program;*
- ✓ *Have resided on Lihir for at least two (2) years;*
- ✓ *Provide updated transcript with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0;*
- ✓ *Be between 18 and 25 years of age at the time the scholarship commences*
- ✓ *Must not be sponsored under or have applied for another scholarship programs at the time of application;*
- ✓ *Must not have a criminal record or convicted of a serious crime;*
- ✓ *Must be in good health;*
- ✓ *Provide two (2) recent character references from:*
 - *The education institution you are attending preferably the department head;*
 - *A community leader; and*
 - *The Chairman of your clan.*
- ✓ *Provide a valid form of photo identification.*

Please also refer to the specific eligibility criteria for Undergraduate and Postgraduate applicants on the final page of this application form and in the Scholarship Policy. All requirements must be met to be eligible.

Please complete the following form in **FULL** and email with supporting documents to scholarships@mrlcapital.com.pg or take into an MRL Office during business hours before the application closing date (6th January 2026). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. APPLICANT PERSONAL DETAILS (Please write in CAPITAL LETTERS)

Preferred Title (Mr/Miss) _____ Family Name: _____

Given Name/s: _____

Date of Birth: (dd/mm/yy) ____/____/____ Gender (male or female): _____

Marital Status: _____ Age: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone: (Day) _____ (Mobile) _____

Residential Address: _____

Father's Clan: _____ Mother's Clan: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Village & Province: _____ Village & Province: _____

2. GENERAL INFORMATION (Please write in CAPITAL LETTERS)

1. Any long-term illness: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide details:

2. Any medical history (that may affect your scholarship/studies): ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide details:

3. Criminal History: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide details:

4. Institution & Priority Field of Study

Name of Institution: _____

Duration of Program (in years & month): _____

Note: MRL will not accept applications to the University of Goroka and IBSU.

I am applying for sponsorship under this discipline (please tick one):

- ☐ **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

5. Study Plan

In 75 words or less, describe the specific area of your field of study and why it interests you:

In 75 words or less, describe the career you plan to pursue after completion of study and how this will benefit you, the people of Lihir and Papua New Guinea.

6. Educational History

List the educational institutions you have attended, from most recent at the top, including any you are presently enrolled at:

NAME & LOCATION OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA AWARDED	DATES Month & Year

Signatory Endorsement	Applicant Signature	_____	Date: _____
	Clan Chairman/Leader Signature	_____	Date: _____
	MRL Capital Officer	_____	Date: _____

Eligibility & Other Requirements (Continued)

Postgraduate Applicants

All postgraduate applicants must meet the following prior to applying for sponsorship (as well as the basic eligibility requirements):

- ✓ Have completed an undergraduate degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0;
- ✓ Be at least 31 years of age at the time the scholarship commences;
- ✓ Have at least five (5) years of relevant work experience aligned with Lihir's Sustainable Development Plans;
- ✓ Submit a resume outlining relevant work experience and responsibilities;
- ✓ Have their program endorsed by their employer as a career pathway, with guaranteed re-employment upon completion;
- ✓ Demonstrate leadership capabilities with the potential to make a significant impact in their field;
- ✓ Have an unconditional offer from an accredited PNG tertiary institution for the upcoming academic year;
- ✓ Must be either under the AES or HECAS category under the TESAS program

Please also refer to the basic eligibility criteria for all applicants on the first page of this application form and in the Scholarship Policy. All requirements must be met to be eligible.

EVIDENCE OF LIHIR ORIGIN (MUST BE COMPLETED)

Full name of mother & Clan	Place of birth of mother
Full name of father & Clan	Place of birth of father
Full name of mother's parents & Clan	Place of birth of mother's parents
Full Name of father's parents & Clan	Place of birth of father's parents

Please ensure ALL questions above here are answered legibly, the document is signed where relevant and requested attachments are submitted with your application. Incomplete applications will not be considered or followed up.