



CNMI SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE

2024 Citizen Centric Report

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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 continuing with the streamlining of the application, scholarship disbursement, and compliance 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 the prosperity of the people in the CNMI.



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Mildred Sablan-Camacho
Administrator

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STRATEGIC GOALS

Student Access

Providing scholarship programs to fill highly needed job categories in our workforce;

Streamline the application, disbursement and compliance process.

Student Success

Collecting academic achievement data and employment data of graduates;

Implement online student loan repayment;

Implement online student portal for compliance.

High School

- Commonwealth College Access Grant (CCAG)

Undergraduate

- Educational Assistance Program Base (EAP Base)
- Marianas Employees Financial Aid (MEFA)
- Nursing School Scholarship (NSS)- Sunset on 10/18/2024
- WICHE Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

Graduate & Post Graduate

- Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP)
- Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)

I AM A CNMI Scholar Campaign

Featured 3 Graduates in our workforce.

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education



HIGHLIGHTS

Compliance, Repayment & Collections

CRC Master list in process pending 3 semesters.

Complied through work service increased by **50%**

Updated Recipient Index updates as of Fall 2023.

WICHE

Continued the WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP);

WUE Savings **\$1.33** million (62 undergraduates);

WRGP Savings **\$60,774** (5 graduate students);

PSEP Savings **\$19,950** (1 Professional Healthcare Students);

7071% Return on Investments through WICHE membership.

Scholarships & Grants

Disbursed approximately **\$811,490.25** in scholarships & loans;

Awarded **683** scholarships and grants;

Offered **5** (five) programs: Educational Assistance Program (EAP),

Nursing School Scholarship (NSS),

Commonwealth College Access Grant (CCAG),

Marianas Employees Financial Assistance (MEFA),

and VocAid for trades schools.

STUDENT ACCESS

Applicants by Gender



No. of Outreach Conducted
11



Award Counts
683

STUDENT SUCCESS

Top Areas of Study

- #1 Business
- #2 Education
- #3 Nursing

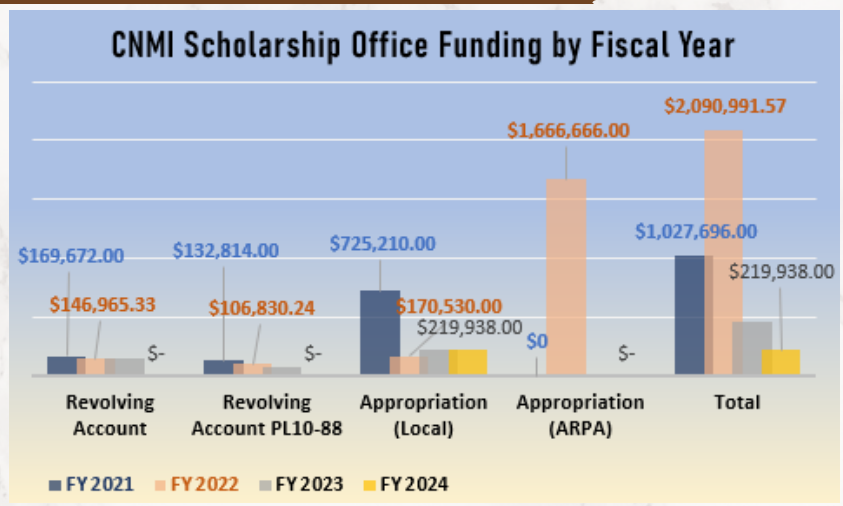
420 Graduates



\$134,258.85 COMPLIED
103 COMPLIED
16 REPAYMENT WORKSERVICE
\$135,548.90

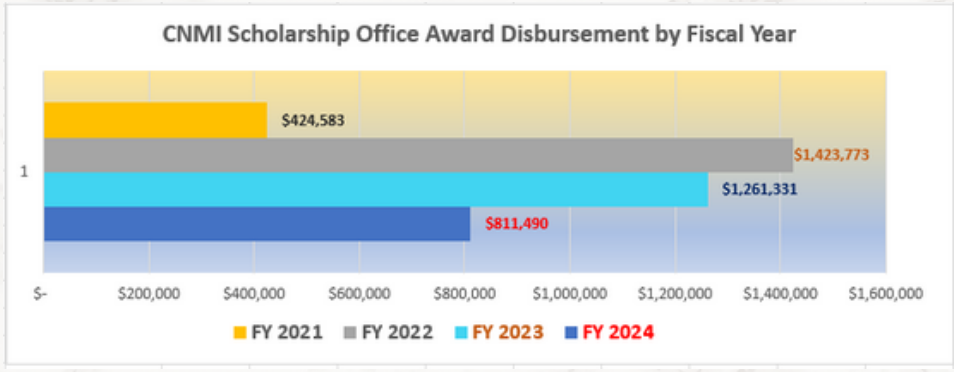


\$141,130.05 Student Loan Collections Paid Off: 15 \$69,691.83

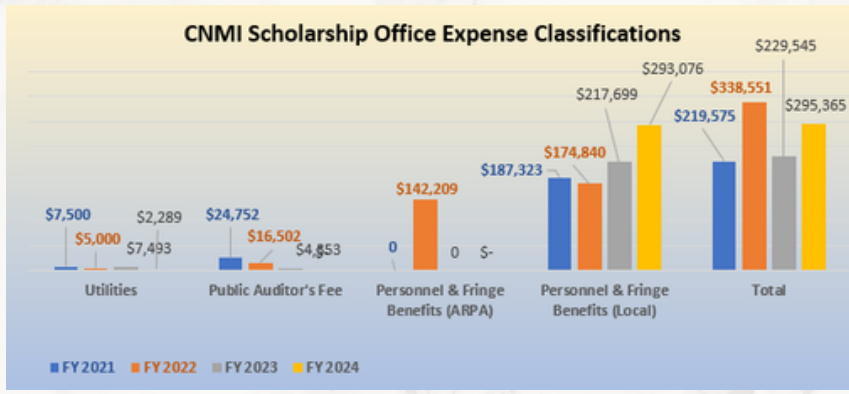
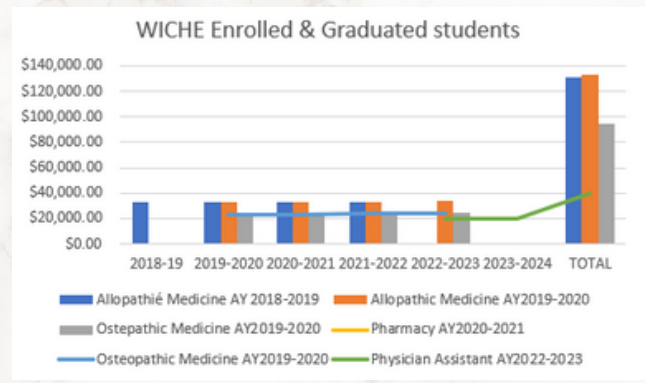
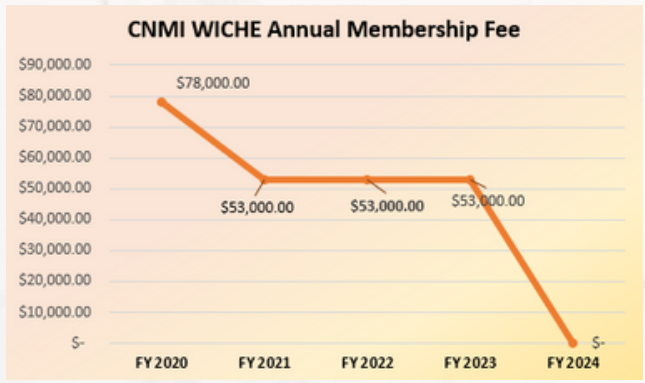


Where Did Our Money Go

SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSED



OPERATIONAL EXPENSES



Continue to provide financial assistance to eligible students;

Support students pursuing advanced degrees such as graduate and doctoral degrees;

Continued partnership with NMTEch through the VocAid Program;

Attended scholarship clinics on June 25, 2024 & August 1, 2024 at NMTECH;

Attended "Money Talks" sponsored by NMC October 27, 2023;

Strive to provide scholarships accessible to a wide range of applicants and offer accommodations for individuals with disabilities;

Continue collaborative partnership to build capacity in the workforce and trade skills with the Workforce Investment Agency, and the Northern Marianas College helping establish the Apprenticeship Program;

Trained 1 summer trainee through the summer youth program sponsored by Saipan Chamber of Commerce & Workforce Investment Agency;

7071% Return on Investments through WICHE membership;

Removed/ Disposed CUC water task force container for more parking space.

Challenges

Collection of student achievement & compliance data from graduates;

Securing more funding to unsuspend programs.

Innovation

Upgrading our website software to allow students the option to upload documents;

Enable prior recipients to make online payment of student loans;

Increase the number of outreach conducted from the previous year, to include face-to-face presentations with Rota & Tinian Students.

Portfolio

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

Increase collection of defaulted/overdue accounts; and,

Utilize other sources of collection, such as acquiring a lawyer dedicated to collecting defaulted accounts.

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