

**§ 1611. Nursing School Scholarship.**

(a) There is hereby established an Associate of Science in Nursing School Scholarship for the purpose of awarding undergraduate college scholarships to 20 students a year who are pursuing an Associate of Science in Nursing degree (ASN degree) at the Northern Marianas College or at any other U.S. accredited institution to pay for costs directly related to the student's educational needs, including, but not limited to, tuition, textbooks and school supplies, transportation, and housing.

(b) The amount allocated for each scholarship shall be up to \$8,000 per annum for students attending the Northern Marianas College or at any other U.S. accredited institution for a period of up to two years.

(c) Criteria and Requirements. To be eligible for this scholarship program an individual shall:

(1) Be a United States citizen.

(2) Be a CNMI resident for at least three consecutive years prior to enrollment in a college or university.

(3) Furnish a letter of acceptance into the nursing program at the Northern Marianas College or at any other U.S. accredited institution.

(4) Agree to train and work as a nurse at the Commonwealth Health Center, Tinian Health Center, or Rota Health Center within one year after attaining a nursing degree, taking and passing the NCLEX-RN exam, and obtaining a license as a registered nurse.

(5) Agree to work as a nurse at the Commonwealth Health Center, Tinian Health Center, or Rota Health Center for a period of two years for each year of scholarship assistance or if fails or refuses to complete this obligation, agree to remit all the scholarship funds received through this scholarship program back to the CNMI government.

(6) Agree to reimburse the CNMI of all moneys received if the student chooses to switch course of studies to a major other than nursing.

(7) Sign a fully executed Associate of Science in Nursing School Scholarship Agreement, or successor agreement.

(d) As a condition of continuing nursing scholarship assistance, a nursing scholarship recipient shall do the following:

(1) Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale per semester and all nursing courses must be passed with a grade of "C" or better.

(2) Enroll in no less than 12 credit hours a semester and be a full-time student in the nursing program at the Northern Marianas College or at any other U.S. accredited institution.

(3) Submit a certified copy of their grades for each semester to the CNMI Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office and a class schedule for the next semester.

\* So in original.

**Source:** PL 20-73 § 3 (Oct. 12, 2018), modified; amended by PL 24-10, § 3 (Aug. 5, 2025).

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**DIVISION 1: EDUCATION**

**Commission Comment:** The Commission changed “twenty (20)” to “20” and inserted a comma after “including” and “limited to” in (a); inserted a comma after “Tinian Health Center” in (c)(4) and (5); struck a duplicate “in” in (c)(4); and changed “twelve” to “12” and “full time” to “full-time” in (d)(2) pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(g).