

## Guam's Eligibility Requirements

Pursuant to the "*Birada Act*", Chapter 54, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated § 54105

Eligibility into the Program shall be determined by the Scholarship Office based on the following criteria:

- a) The participant is a bonafide resident of Guam, having resided on Guam for a period of five (5) years. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a participant who may have received their undergraduate degree at an off-island college or a participant who has served off-island as a member of the United States Armed Forces from qualifying; provided, that the participant presents documented proof of five (5) years of consecutive residency on Guam prior to attending an off-island college or serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a participant from qualifying who may have lived off-island due to their legal guardian being legally separated, and the participant was living off-island with their guardian provided, that the other guardian is a resident of Guam who has lived on Guam for five (5) years consecutively. The participant is required to furnish documents to verify such claims.

- b) The participant has the necessary pre-requisites to enter a professional healthcare program as defined and stipulated by the WICHE PSEP programs to which the participant applies.
- c) The participant cannot receive assistance from another state or territory for the purposes of attaining a professional healthcare degree.
- d) A participant who chooses to participate in the Program and be sponsored by a private health care facility must submit as an addendum to their application, a signed agreement by both the participant and the private health care facility, outlining the intent of the sponsorship, as well as the health professional shortage area that the participant intends to pursue and the total sponsorship amount that the private health care facility commits to contribute.

Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a participant from applying and being sponsored by a private health care facility without the aforementioned affidavit. The Scholarship Office, as outlined in 17 GCA § 54104(e), may develop its own pool of donors that the Committee may utilize funds from and award sponsorships.

- e) A participant may apply to the Program prior to acceptance from a partner school in the Program; however, no funds will be disbursed until a participant furnishes to the Scholarship Office proof of acceptance into a program within the scope of a qualifying health specialty.
- f) The participant must furnish a police and court clearance, and must not be charged with a felony, crime of moral turpitude, or criminal sexual conduct, upon application and throughout the term of their participation in the Program. Should a participant be charged with an aforementioned crime during the course of their education, the Committee shall determine the individual's eligibility to remain in the Program. Should a participant be deemed ineligible, the participant is obligated to repay any funds used to sponsor said participant in the Program.