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MTEC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OPEN

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) is accepting applications for the MTEC Scholarship Program, aimed at encouraging graduating high school seniors to pursue higher education.

The MTEC board will award a \$1,000 scholarship and a \$500 scholarship for two seniors from the class of 2017 who have been members of a MY WAVE Club for at least one year in high school.

“We are encouraging the students to participate in a MY WAVE Club, which they can join starting from the 5th grade up to 12th grade level,” said MTEC Chairwoman Vicky Benavente. “The MTEC Scholarship is made possible through the work of the MTEC Board of Directors and also from generous sponsors and businesses who have a stake in the islands’ tourism and hospitality industry,” Benavente added.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have at least 1 year membership in a high school MY WAVE Club

- Submission of Official Transcript from last high school attended showing GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Recommendation Letter from a current or former Teacher, MY WAVE Club Advisor, Counselor or Administrator
- Essay submission from applicant, describing career pathway/goals and purpose of study (300-500 words essay limit, typed)
- Acceptance Letter from university or college applied to
- Three (3) proof of MY WAVE CLUB (MWC) active participation
- Submission of the MY WAVE Club/ Community Involvement Summary

Applications are available at the MVA office or by emailing MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas (mduenas@mymarianas.com) or Community Programs Specialist Ryan Calvo (rcalvo@mymarianas.com) or by calling 670.664-3200 for more details. The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. on April 14, 2017.

The Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are a chain of idyllic islands in the West Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers from Asia, Australia, Europe, North and South America and elsewhere looking for new travel discoveries will find them in the Mariana Islands, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four to five from other parts of Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served daily from Tokyo-Narita in Japan by Delta Air Lines with seasonal flights by Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, Jin Air and Eastar Jet provide direct flights from Seoul-Incheon, and Asiana also provides service from Busan. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong to Saipan are available. Philippine Airlines provides nonstop service from Manila to Saipan and connects with many cities in China and Southeast Asia. United Airlines has daily flight connections from six cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made to Saipan via Tokyo-Narita, Seoul-Incheon or Guam. Visitors from Russia and Taiwan usually arrive via Seoul, Tokyo or Manila. Interisland travel is provided by United Express (Cape Air) and Star Marianas Air. For more information on the Marianas, visit www.mymarianas.com.

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