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MTEC BEGINS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) announces the commencement of its scholarship program to encourage graduating high school seniors to pursue higher education, and graduates can apply beginning today (June 24) at the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA).

The MTEC board will award a \$1,000 scholarship and a \$500 scholarship for two seniors from the class of 2016 who have been accepted to a university or college.

“The MTEC Board of Directors voted to award the scholarships to help a high school student pay for tuition and supplies, or living and transportation costs.” said MTEC Chairwoman Vicky Benavente. “The student must have been a member of the MY WAVE Club at least one year while in high school, and so we hope to encourage more youth participation in the coming years.”

To be eligible, applicants must:

- 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 664-3200 for more details. The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. on July 15, 2016.

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 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 from Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served from Tokyo and Osaka in Japan by Delta and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct daily flights from Seoul and Busan and Jeju Air provides daily service from Seoul. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, to Saipan is available. United Airlines has daily flight connections from nine cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made by Delta Air Lines to Saipan via Tokyo Narita, and United Airlines via Guam. Russian and Taiwanese visitors usually arrive via Seoul. For more information, visit www.mymarianas.com.

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