

## Requirements for Graduate and other Post-Graduate Training Program Applicants

Graduate applicants must be able to complete the program of study in not more than 2 years for a Master's degree and not more than 5 years for Doctoral study unless there is a valid reason and permission is provided from the Marshall Islands Scholarship, Grant and Loan Board (MISGLB). Applicants must apply for financial assistance on a yearly basis with a separate application for summer sessions. Financial assistance may be awarded to those pursuing such fields of study which falls within the Republic's priority areas. Financial assistance for online or distant learning programs may be granted Marshallese residing in the RMI in any accredited institutes accepted by the MISGLB. The applicants must provide the completed application with the following:

- 1. Official and certified transcripts of both graduate and undergraduate courses completed, evidencing a CGPA and GPA of at least 3.0 and successful completion of at least 9 credit hours per semester or 6 credit hours per quarter.
- 2. A copy of Bachelor's Degree from an accredited U.S. College or University, or an equivalent degree from a recognized and accredited non-U.S. institution of higher education, for those pursuing a Master's Program. A copy of both Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree is required for those pursuing Ph.D. Programs.
- 3. A copy of the Acceptance Letter from the accredited institution the applicant wishes to attend.
- 4. Certified results of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or other generally accepted entrance examination scores except if the applicant is seeking enrollment in schools within the Pacific Region.
- 5. An essay to explain how the applicant's training will, in the long run, serve the interests of the Republic.
- 6. Two (2) letters of reference from people who can knowledgeably testify about the applicant's scholastic ability and preparation for higher education, such as teachers, counselors, school administrators, or other responsible adults. Family members are excluded.
- 7. A copy of approved leave of absence or a copy of termination letter is required if employed by the RMI Government.
- 8. Proof of other financial resources, scholarships, grants, or financial assistance that the applicant may have. Including the applicant and the spouse's income.

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