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COLLEGE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

BOARD RESOLUTION-No: 2022 - 025

“A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE STEPP UP SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSAL”

WHEREAS, the CMI Board of Regents is charged with the oversight of CMI to ensure it Administers and provides services related to postsecondary student financial assistance provided by governmental and other sources.

WHEREAS, Theodore (Ted) Stepp was a CMI Instructor who passed away in May 2022 and provided the largest donation of books, DVDs and CDs ever by a single donor to the CMI Library, and whose donation was received by the CMI President on august 1st, 2022.

WHEREAS, in honor of Ted Stepp, this scholarship is a tuition waiver scholarship for the Top GPA achievers of each of CMI's ABE program locations (Uluga, Ebeye, Jaluit, Kotje and Kili), to waive their tuition at CMI should they choose to enroll at CMI.

WHEREAS, the Scholarship will have the following conditions:

1. The scholarship will be awarded to the ABE graduate with the highest cumulative GPA
2. The scholarship recipient may enroll in any program of study at the College and must be a full time student
3. The scholarship will be for a maximum period of 3 consecutive years (9 consecutive semesters including the summer semester)
4. The scholarship recipient must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 to continue receiving the scholarship within the 3-year scholarship limit.

WHEREAS, it is noted that based on a new tuition and fees schedule of \$1,800 per semester per full time student, this scholarship waiver program for 5 top ABE graduates will amount to a maximum of \$5,400 waived for each of the 5 students per year or \$27,000 in lost revenue for the College per year in the implementation of this scholarship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the Stepp Up Scholarship Proposal.



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I, **Kathryn Relang**, Chair of the Board of the College of the Marshall Islands, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Boards College of the Marshall Islands on August 15, 2022 at which a quorum was present and voted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Relang'.

Kathryn Relang
Chair, Board of Regents
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THE STEPP UP SCHOLARSHIP: A PROPOSED NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE HIGHEST GPA EARNERS IN THE ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE) PROGRAM

August 15, 2022

To: CMI Board of Regents
From: CMI Senior Leadership Team

Background

Theodore (Ted) Stepp passed away in May 2022. He had previously served as a CMI Instructor and was a long-time Majuro resident and educator who had committed both his time and resources to the development of students in the Marshall Islands. Ted willed his collection of 753 books and 366 DVDs and CDs to the CMI Library. This is the largest collection ever to be received by the CMI Library from a single donor and was officially accepted by the President on a small ceremony held August 1..

During the graduation ceremonies in 2022, it was noted that while the top CMI graduates received scholarships from CMI to continue their education at another tertiary level institution, the top ABE graduates were not provided the same scholarship opportunities to further their education. Top ABE students demonstrate the potential for further educational achievement, and as such, a scholarship opportunity to continue their studies at CMI would encourage ABE students to work hard and compete to attain this scholarship.

In honor of Ted Stepp, a scholarship for the highest GPA earners in the ABE graduate program is being proposed. This would be a Tuition waiver scholarship for the 5 ABE graduates with the highest GPAs at each of the 5 ABE program locations: Ulga, Ebeye, Jaluit, Wotje and Kili.

Scholarship Conditions

The following conditions will apply to recipients of the scholarship

1. The scholarship will be awarded to the ABE graduate with the highest cumulative GPA
2. The scholarship recipient may enroll in any program of study at the College and must be a full time student
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Financial Implications and Conditions

Based on a new tuition and fees schedule of \$1,800 per semester per full time student, this scholarship waiver program for 5 top ABE graduates will amount to a maximum of \$5,400 waived for each of the 5 students per year or \$27,000 in lost revenue for the College per year in the implementation of this scholarship. This scholarship is contingent on the financial health of the College.

This proposal is supported by the SLT and recommended to the Board for approval.

Approved:

Kathryn Relang,
CMI BOR Chair