GUAM SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.
2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

☐ Student Membership ($10) – pay online via Guam Society’s Square.com portal (https://squareup.com/market/guam-society-of-america-inc). The link can also be found on www.guamsocietyinc.org/membership

☐ If applying for Brigida Lizama Scholarship:
  o Volunteer hours for the Guam Society of America – 24 hours required (IMPORTANT: Applicants applying for the Brigida Lizama Scholarship must complete 24 volunteer hours directly supporting the Guam Society of America.
  o Applicant must have been a Guam Society Member in 2019 (either as a student member or part of family membership - this will be verified against the Guam Society Membership database)

☐ Minimum GPA requirements:
  o High School Students - 2.0 (Cumulative)
  o College Students - 2.5 (Cumulative)
  o GED - score of 450

☐ Current Transcript
☐ Essay – Double-spaced in Microsoft Word format
☐ Photo – in JPG/JPEG or BMP format
☐ College/GED Applicants:
  o Copy of High School Diploma or Copy of GED Certificate with Score
☐ High School/GED Applicants:
  o College/School Acceptance Letter
☐ Recommendations from any of the following:
  o Teachers/Professors/School Administrators (i.e. Counselors, Advisors, Coaches, etc.)
  o Community and/or Religious Leaders
  o Volunteer and/or Non-Profit Organization Leaders
☐ Student Resume

The checklist above is a tool to assist you in ensuring your packet is complete and ready for submission. Applicants are advised to ensure that all application forms are completed correctly and have all the pertinent information requested – application forms are a part of the screening criteria and selection process – in other words, ensure you have at a minimum what is listed

No extensions will be provided for the deadline - 11:59PM ET, Monday, May 25, 2020. Applicants may only apply for one scholarship category.
INSTRUCTION SHEET

The Guam Society of America, Inc.’s Scholarship Program provides annual scholarship opportunities to its member students as an integral part of supporting and sponsoring educational, Chamorro cultural and social programs for those who are motivated to improve society by enhancing their future through a college education. The scholarships are for students pursuing their Undergraduate degrees only.

The scholarships will be presented at the Guam Society’s Annual Liberation Day Picnic tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2020.

The Guam Society of America intends to award the following scholarships in 2020:

- Brigida Lizama Scholarship (College Student) - $1500*
- Brigida Lizama Scholarship (High School Student) - $1500*
- Guam High School Student Scholarship: $1000 - Attending College on Guam
- Guam College Student Scholarship: $1000 - Attending College on Guam
- High School Student Scholarship: $1000
- College Student Scholarship: $1000
- Angela Morgan Cherry Blossom Princess Scholarship (to be awarded during the 2020 Guam Society Cherry Blossom Princess Coronation Ball): $1,000

NOTE: Depending on the number of applicants and the recommendations of the Guam Society Scholarship selection panel – the amounts for the High School and College categories shown above may be modified; however, the Brigida Lizama Scholarship category will be awarded with the amounts shown.

*Applicants must have been a Guam Society Member in 2019 to be eligible for the Brigida Lizama Scholarship; and have completed 24 service hours to the Guam Society of America. Volunteer hours must be documented, reviewed and verified via signature of a Guam Society of America Committee Chairperson. Please send inquiries or questions via email to info@guamsocietyinc.org or gsascholarship@verizon.net or call (202)379-6238 for more info about volunteer hours verification.)

Scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement and potential, character, leadership, social awareness, career goals, will to succeed, and public service/community involvement. Essays submitted as part of the scholarship application packet will be evaluated with overall results based on established scoring criteria. Criteria and scoring of the application and essay include, but are not limited to: completeness of the application, response to the essay question, including clarity, research, grammar and creativity.
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

1. Eligibility:

   a) Applicants must be Guam Society Members or become members to apply for a scholarship. Membership is the first requirement to apply for a GSA Scholarship. Non-member students may become members by joining online at the Guam Society Square.com portal (https://squareup.com/market/guam-society-of-america-inc). Please ensure that you do this first and foremost so that your application can be considered. If membership verification process finds that the membership requirement has not been fulfilled; the application will not be considered. Student membership cost is $10.00.

   (b) Applicants must be a High School Graduate (current year), have a GED, or pursuing undergraduate studies.

   (c) Applicants must have a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA):
       1) High School Students - 2.0 (Cumulative)
       2) College Students - 2.5 (Cumulative)
       3) GED; score of 450

2. Applications: You must complete the application in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications that are submitted without all the required documents and the essay will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed by the selection committee. Use of N/A if response to question is Not Applicable is acceptable. Please follow all instructions for application completion and submission.

3. Deadline: Completed applications with all required documentations must be received by the Guam Society of America Scholarship Committee by 11:59 PM, Eastern Time, Monday, May 25, 2020. Submit application and all required documentation via email to gsascholarship@verizon.net.

NOTE: All applications must be emailed. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that his/her application has been emailed with enough time for receipt by the Scholarship Committee on or before the application deadline. Email date/time stamps will determine if the submission has met the deadline.

If you have any questions or inquiries contact the Guam Society Scholarship Chairperson via email at gsascholarship@verizon.net or by phone (202) 379-6238.
DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH THE GUAM SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM:

High School Applicants:
1. High school transcript
2. Copy of High School Diploma (if available)
3. College Acceptance Letter (you may provide more than one)
4. Essay (Microsoft Word format - double spaced, typed)
5. Applicant Photo (Please submit in .JPG/JPEG or .BMP format)
6. Recommendations from any of the following:
   a. Teachers
   b. School Administrators (i.e. Counselors, Advisors, Coaches, etc.)
   c. Community Leaders
   d. Volunteer and/or Non-Profit Organization Leaders
   e. Religious Leaders
7. Student Resume

College Student Applicants:
1. Copy of High school diploma or GED Certificate
2. Current Transcript
3. Essay (Microsoft Word format - double-space, typed)
4. Applicant Photo (Please submit in .JPG/JPEG or .BMP format)
5. Recommendations from any of the following:
   a. Teachers or Professors
   b. College Administrators (i.e. Counselors, Advisors, Coaches, Deans, etc.)
   c. Community Leaders
   d. Volunteer and/or Non-Profit Organization Leaders
   e. Religious Leaders
6. Resume

GED Student Applicants:
1. Copy of high school transcript
2. Copy of GED Certificate with GED Test Score
3. College Acceptance Letter (you may provide more than one)
4. Essay (Microsoft Word format - double spaced, typed)
5. Applicant Photo (Please submit in .JPG/JPEG or .BMP format)
6. Recommendations from any of the following:
   a. Teachers or Professors
   b. College Administrators (i.e. Counselors, Advisors, Coaches, Deans, etc.)
   c. Community Leaders
   d. Volunteer and/or Non-Profit Organization Leaders
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RECEIVED NO LATER
THAN 11:59pm EST Monday, May 25th, 2020

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM LEGIBLY – APPLICATIONS ARE A KEY PART OF THE
EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. SPELL OUT
ACRONYMS FOR ORGANIZATIONS, AWARDS, ETC., THE FIRST TIME THEY ARE USED. YOU
MAY ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH SPACE PROVIDED FOR YOUR
RESPONSE.

I AM APPLYING FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIP (CHECK ONLY ONE OF THE BOXES
BELOW):
☐ HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT - $1000
☐ GUAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT (ATTENDING COLLEGE ON GUAM) - $1000
☐ BRIGIDA LIZAMA HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP (REQUIRES GUAM SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP IN 2019 & 24 SERVICE HOURS TO THE GUAM SOCIETY) - $1500
☐ U.S. COLLEGE STUDENT - $1000
☐ GUAM COLLEGE STUDENT (ATTENDING COLLEGE ON GUAM) - $1000
☐ BRIGIDA LIZAMA COLLEGE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP (REQUIRES GUAM SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP IN 2019 & 24 SERVICE HOURS TO THE GUAM SOCIETY) - $1500

APPLICANT’S NAME: ____________________________________________

Last First Middle

APPLICANT’S ADDRESS: ____________________________________________

APPLICANT’S TELEPHONE: HOME: (___)_________ WORK/CELL: (___)_________

DATE OF BIRTH: _____________________ AGE:_________ SEX:___________

Month/Day/Year M/F

APPLICANT’S EMAIL ADDRESS: ________________________________

FATHER’S NAME:______________________________________________

OCCUPATION: _______________HOME VILLAGE ON GUAM: _____________

MOTHER’S NAME:______________________________________________

OCCUPATION: _______________HOME VILLAGE ON GUAM: _____________

1. High School Attended/_________________________ Year Graduated
2. GED: Year Obtained__________ Score: ______________

3. College currently enrolled or will be enrolled: ________________________________________________________________

4. Are you taking college courses now? If so, how many units are you currently enrolled in? ______________ Have you completed? ______________________________

5. What is your major (or proposed major) in college? ________________________________

6. In what year will you graduate college? _________________________________

7. Briefly explain your future goals: ________________________________________________________________

8. What is your greatest contribution to your community? Please provide as much information as possible. ________________________________________________________________

9. List any Community, Academic and Athletic Achievements, Awards, Honors and Recognitions received: ________________________________________________________________

10. List Community Services, Activities and Organizations you are involved in (list a contact person, their title and phone number for verification purposes). ________________________________________________________________

11. How did you hear about the Guam Society of America, Inc. Scholarship?

12. Is there anything else you would like the scholarship committee to know in considering your application? ________________________________________________________________

The information above is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

___________________________________________ _________________
Applicant’s/Student’s Signature Date

___________________________________________ _________________
Parent's/Legal Guardian's Signature (if under 18yrs) Date
GUAM SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.
2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ESSAY

Submit a double spaced, typed essay (no more than four pages or 1200 words or less) on the following topic:

**Essay**
The Festival of the Pacific Arts, also known as FESTPAC is a recognized International Island event. It is held every four years in one of the 28 Pacific Island Nations. It was last held in Guam in 2016, and will be held in Hawaii in June of this year. Describe the significance of this event to our Chamorro Heritage and Culture. How does this international island event of FESTPAC influence or inspire you? And in what way(s)?

- Your essay is an extremely important part of your application and award consideration.
- Please be sure to include your essay with your application form. If not submitted, your application will be considered incomplete.
- Additional instructions:
  - Include a Title / Cover Page for your essay
  - Include the title of your essay on the first page
  - Include page numbers and your first initial and last name (lower case) on each page of your essay (place in lower right corner of the page)
  - Spell out acronyms or abbreviations the first time they are used
  - Check your document for word count and ensure to run spell/grammar check
  - Use Times New Roman, Font Size 12 when typing your essay
  - Essay submission must be in Microsoft Word format
GUAM SOCIETY VOLUNTEER HOURS/COMMUNITY SERVICE

APPLICANT NAME: ______________________________________________

DATE: ___________________________ HOURS: ________________

GUAM SOCIETY EVENT/ACTIVITY: _______________________________________
(Please use a separate sheet for each volunteer activity)

Events:
- Membership/ Executive Board Meetings,
- Cherry Blossom Coronation
- NCSS Events (Softball, Sakura Matsuri Festival, etc.)
- Liberation Picnic
- Roberto L.G. Lizama Golf Tournament
- Chamorro Night
- Our Lady of Camarin Novenas
- Holiday/Christmas Party
- Wreaths Across America Event – Arlington National Cemetery
- Committee Support (Hospitality, Membership, etc.)
- Fundraising Events
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Guam Society web page)

WHAT DID YOU DO FOR THE EVENT?
_____________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________

EVENT COORDINATOR/CHAIRPERSON: ____________________________

NAME/TITLE (PRINT) ____________________________________________

SIGNATURE ____________________________________________________
(Use this form to record your hours if you are applying for the Brigida Lizama Scholarship Category).