

**Northern Marianas Technical Institute**

12966 Lower Base Drive

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Saipan, MP 96950



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**GRIT & GRIND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Completed application form
- Valid government-issued ID
- Must be a resident of the CNMI
- Must be a high school senior **or** a current trades school student enrolled in or accepted to the Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTECH) New or Ongoing students
- Submission of a one-page essay titled: *“Why I chose a career in the trades and how I plan to make a difference in my community.”*

**Application Submission Requirements:**

- Completed application form
- One-page essay
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher, supervisor/employer, professional.
- Proof of enrollment

**Application Deadline:**

All application and supporting documents must be submitted in its entirety to the Northern Marianas Technical Institute Financial Aid Office, located on 12966 Lower Base Drive or can be submitted via email to [financialaid@nmtechcnmi.org](mailto:financialaid@nmtechcnmi.org) no later than 4:00 PM, Saturday, January 31, 2026

Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The final selection process will require qualifying applicants to attend a mandatory personal interview with a panel of judges.

**NOTICE OF NORTHERN MARIANAS TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENT NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY**

The Northern Marianas Technical Institute admits students of any race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally afforded or made available to students at the Institute. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national of ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship programs, and other institute-administered programs.

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**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

*\*\* Please type or print clearly in black ink. Do not leave any items blank. \*\**

Name (Last, First):		
Mailing Address:		
Primary Number:	Secondary Number:	Age:
Gender:	Email:	
Intended Field of Study:		
Vocational Institution:		

I understand that the Northern Marianas Technical Institute is awarding a scholarship to a student who is currently accepted at the Northern Marianas Technical Institute. I understand that this is a one-time scholarship award given to a successful applicant to defray the costs of vocational education and is granted at the complete discretion of the Northern Marianas Technical Institute. I also understand the requirements that are expected of each applicant. I have fulfilled the application requirements and have attached all required documents in order to be considered for this scholarship. I understand and agree that any scholarship funds awarded to me will be sent to the institution in which I am currently enrolled and attending, and that those funds will be used by that institution to reduce the amount I owe for tuition, room, board or other related educational costs or fees.

I understand and agree that if the awarded scholarship funds are not utilized by June 30, 2026, I will forfeit all rights to the funds, and all remaining funds shall remain the property of the Northern Marianas Technical Institute.

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Signature

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Date

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**Mission of the Grit & Grind Scholarship Program**

One of the *Grit & Grind Scholarship Program* goals is to promote and enable access to postsecondary education and publicly acknowledge and reward the academically deserving students. The Grit & Grind Scholarship Program provides one-time monetary awards to students in the following categories:

- ***Northern Marianas Technical Institute Vocational Education Scholarship:*** Saipan, Tinian and Rota residents enrolled in or attending Northern Marianas Technical Institute.

Each student should demonstrate academic and personal excellence. All applicants must be accepted or enrolled in the Northern Marianas Technical Institute. Payments are made directly to the educational institution on behalf of the student for the Spring 2026 cycle and/or Mid Spring 2026 cycle, and may not be used for any other purpose.

**Mission of the Selection Committee**

The Committee seeks a combination of academic and personal excellence in individuals who may one day unselfishly contribute to our island workforce and community.

**Basis of Consideration**

- Passion for the Trade - clearly express motivation, purpose, and pride in their trade career choice
- Community Impact - shows desire or plan to give back, mentor others, or improve their community (From One Page Essay)
- Work Ethic & Character - evidence of reliability, initiative, or leadership. (From recommendation letter)
- Academic Training Commitment - demonstrates consistent effort and commitment to completing their program of study

**Selection Process**

- Application and accompanying materials must be submitted in their entirety by the deadline. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- Eligibility requirements must be met.
- Applicants may be selected for a personal interview with the panel of judges selected by the Northern Marianas Technical Institute Educational Scholarship.