



US Scholarship Program

Project Plan

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVE

The OAF US Scholarship program is offered in conjunction with partner Colleges in the United States, and with partners on the ground in Pacific Island and Australian communities.

In line with OAF's objectives, the Scholarship programme aims to:

- provide the opportunity for young people to compete higher education while further developing their abilities in their chosen sport – opportunities that may otherwise not be available in their communities;
- provide the opportunity for young people to travel overseas to complete further education to develop skills to benefit their community;
- provide young people with opportunities to develop leadership and life skills which they can share with their community, and inspire other younger people; and
- identify promising young leaders within communities with the expectation that they will contribute to the development of their communities through promoting education, health and well-being.

OAF sees the Scholarship program as an important part of meeting its principal objects, not only in education but also in leadership, health and well-being.

This document sets out the plan for OAF's US Scholarship program.

PROJECT WORK PLAN AND TIMETABLE

The principal steps and estimated timing and budget for the project are as follows :

Phase 1 – Select region		
Project Step	Estimated timing	Estimated budget
1. Contact existing and potential in-country partners, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fiji Association of Sports & National Olympic Committee; ➤ Federated States of Micronesia National Olympic Committee; ➤ Papua New Guinea Sports & Olympic Committee; and ➤ Marshall Islands National Olympic Committee, to determine needs of specific regions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ the Cook Islands; ➤ Fiji; ➤ Guam; ➤ Kiribati; ➤ Marshall Islands; ➤ Micronesia; ➤ Palau; ➤ Papua New Guinea; ➤ Samoa; ➤ Tonga; ➤ Tuvalu; and ➤ Vanuatu. 	1 week.	No funds required.
2. Once needs are established, select region or regions (Nominated Region(s)) from which to draw Scholarship applications.	2-3 days	No funds required.

Phase 2 – Select scholarship recipients		
Project Step	Estimated timing	Estimated budget
3. Identify potential scholarship recipients with the assistance of in-country partner(s).	1 week.	No funds required.
4. Confirm engagement with in-country partner, educational institution, and potential scholarship recipient accords with OAF's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Anti-Terrorism Policy; ➤ Anti-Fraud Policy; and ➤ Child Protection Policy. 	2-3 days.	No funds required.

5.	Prepare and send application forms to in-country partners seeking potential scholarship recipients. The form will require applicants to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ outline their educational and sporting achievements; ➤ outline their potential for leadership in their developing community; ➤ describe how they plan to use the opportunity to benefit their community in the future; and ➤ provide referees. 	2-3 days.	No funds required.
6.	Review submitted application forms	4-6 weeks.	No funds required.
7.	Select potential scholarship recipients	2 weeks.	No funds required.
8.	Appraise potential scholarship recipients based on application form and discussions with nominators and applicants.	2 weeks.	No funds required.
9.	Award scholarships and contact successful recipients.	2 days.	No funds required.
10.	Pay scholarship fees directly to the selected educational institution.	1 day.	[USD\$10,000 per student per annum. An average of 4 students per annum]

Phase 3 – Monitoring			
Project Step		Estimated timing	Estimated budget
11.	Arrange update meeting with scholarship recipients to provide any necessary support and track their progress.	3 months into course.	No funds required.
12.	Prepare and send feedback form to scholarship recipients.	At the end of each year of the course.	No funds required.
13.	Review information gathered from update meeting and feedback forms to determine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ performance against predetermined educational benchmarks; ➤ progress of scholarship recipient's plans to contribute to the development of their community; ➤ any need for further support; and ➤ whether the scholarship should be continued or withdrawn. 	Annually	No funds required.

Phase 4 – Evaluation			
Project Step		Estimated timing	Estimated budget
14.	Assess the number of scholarship recipients who graduate.	1 day	No funds required
15.	Determine impact and success of the programme on the developing community by maintaining correspondence with scholarship recipients, in-country partners, and members of the local community.	Every 6 months after graduation for 2 years	No funds required
16.	Address emerging challenges that have been identified for the programme.	Ongoing	No funds required
17.	Review selection criteria for future scholarship candidates.	Ongoing	No funds required
18.	Assess the need of developing countries (including those nominated at Phase 1) for the purpose of future scholarships.	Ongoing	No funds required