

Scholarship Recommendation Form

Instructions: Thank you for being a recommender for the PCAFPD scholarship. Recommendations are used as part of the selection process. Please type your information below and provide a digital copy to the applicant for submission. Hand written responses will not be accepted.

Recommender Information

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Applicant Information:

Name: Jasper Gian D. Barcinas

Current School: Bohol Island State University – Main Campus

Recommendation

PCAFPD scholars are chosen on the basis of their financial need, academic performance, and commitment to community service and leadership. As the applicant's reference, please describe the applicant's demonstrated leadership skills, accomplishments, and impacts on your community and any other relevant information you feel the committee should know about the applicant.

Dear PCAFPD Scholarship Committee:

It is my enormous pleasure and privilege to recommend Jasper Gian D. Barcinas for the PCAFPD scholarship program. In my tenure as a Peace Corps Volunteer at Tubigon West National High School, I have been continually impressed by Jasper's intelligence, ambition, work ethic, and exceptional leadership abilities. He has my highest, most enthusiastic endorsement for this honor.

I first got to know Jasper through my work advising The Radiance, Tubigon West's journalism club and student publication. Around the time I arrived at site, the Radiance members were preparing for a journalism contest, and Jasper was part of the seven-person English radio broadcasting team that would be competing.

As I helped Jasper and his teammates practice, two things quickly became evident. First, Jasper is a stylish, concise writer and an outstanding public speaker, with a clear, confident delivery and a strong command of rhetoric. Second, he is a natural-born leader. Nowhere was this more apparent than at the competition itself. Over two very full days of writing, practicing, and

nerve-racking waiting, Jasper was The Radiance's anchor. He made sure everyone was drinking enough water, taking naps when they could, keeping a calm and collected mindset. And when his team didn't get Top 5 in their category—a disappointing result given the amount of time, labor, and collaboration that went into their preparation—he maintained a positive attitude and provided a wonderful model for his teammates. Together, the Radiance members applauded for the teams that did place, and they continued to applaud for themselves and rightfully remained proud of their performance. I was really moved by Jasper's display of leadership in this moment—how he led his team to accept the loss with dignity and composure, and to still celebrate the hard and good work they had done.

This is just one example I could select of many: Jasper has served in a staggering number of leadership roles across his high school career. Outside the classroom, he is a full-fledged Student Catholic Action member and part of his parish's Youth Ministry. At school, he has been editor-in-chief of The Radiance, as well as senior crew leader and president of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. And, most notably, in his Grade 12 year, Jasper was a diligent and well-respected student body president. Despite the demands and often thankless nature of this position, Jasper excelled, leading with a self-assurance and poise well beyond his years, while also evincing a genuine and abiding respect for others and their contributions.

And that's to say nothing of Jasper's academic achievements, which are too numerous to list here in full (valedictorian, virtually all the subject-specific prizes, leadership honors...). In fact, they were nearly too numerous to list at his graduation, where, as he walked across the stage to receive his diploma, the projection behind him had to toggle between multiple slides in order to accommodate the enumeration of his many, many awards. I should mention, too, that as Jasper walked across the stage, everyone in the audience burst into applause for him (which did not happen for anyone else in his batch).

Indeed, everyone who knows Jasper knows that he is a remarkable young man. His fellow students know it: he was voted prom king. His teachers know it: when I mentioned Peace Corps' Project Design and Management Workshop, they all suggested I bring Jasper (and I was planning to, before the training was canceled); when I mentioned this PCAFPD scholarship program, they all immediately thought of him.

Jasper is someone who truly makes the most of every opportunity that is made available to him—both for his own development and for that of his community—and I know he would be a fantastic PCAFPD scholar. I hope, with this letter, that I have conveyed just how beloved and highly regarded Jasper is in his school and town communities. But I'm not sure I have—such is the extent of our admiration for him.

I would absolutely love to see Jasper recognized with this scholarship. If I can answer any questions or be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Recommender Name & Signature: Jared Klegar

Date: July 25, 2025

