

## 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

Name: Lora (Lourdes-Rafaelita) O. Panga Relationship to applicant: Former college teacher

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Applicant Information: Use additional pages as needed

Name: James Alexander Aquino Current School: Central Bicol State University of Agriculture

### 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.**

I am pleased to recommend James Alexander Aquino for your esteemed scholarship program, the Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for Philippine Development (PCAFPD). As his teacher in GEC 11 (Gender and Society), I have witnessed firsthand his exemplary performance and personal qualities that make him truly deserving of academic support.

Among my students, he stood out as one of the top performers in class—consistently displaying not only intellectual capability but also diligence and a deep commitment to learning. His drive for excellence is matched by his natural leadership. Whether leading classmates through collaborative tasks or spearheading school-related projects, he has consistently demonstrated initiative, responsibility, and the ability to inspire his peers.

His active involvement in individual and group activities assigned to them, e.g. research work, teacher-peer discussant, and production of advocacy video reflect a sincere dedication to community and service. He volunteers and participates with enthusiasm, and his presence in such engagements is marked by genuine care and thoughtful leadership. These traits speak of his potential not just as a learner but as someone committed to making a meaningful contribution to the academic and social spheres he belongs to.

What sets him apart is his motivation to pursue higher studies—not solely for personal gain but with the purposeful intention of becoming an effective educator. He understands the importance of meaningful knowledge transfer and aspires to teach with both competence and compassion. It is this vision, paired with his academic promise and character, which makes him a compelling candidate for your scholarship program.

I strongly endorse his application and believe that with your support, he will thrive and give back far more than what he receives. Please feel free to contact me should you need further insights.

  
LORA (LOURDES-RAFAELITA) O. PANGA

07.21.2025

**Recommender Name & Signature:**

**Date:**