

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: Erica R. Paywan-Florendo

Relationship to applicant: Adult Mentor/Guardian during 8th ASEAN Children's Forum

Organization/School: Council for the Welfare of Children

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Applicant Information: Use additional pages as needed

Name: Sofia Michiko L. Yamamoto

Current School: Pasay City Science High School

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.

Ms. Sofia Michiko L. Yamamoto has been known by the undersigned as a proactive advocate of child rights and welfare in the school and her community. In 2024, she attended the biennial gathering of children in the country called the Philippine National Children's Conference (PNCC) and represented Asmae-Soeur Emmanuelle Philippines, Inc., a Non-Government Organization dedicated in protecting and educating children around the world and the Division City Schools of Pasay. The PNCC is one of the platforms the government organizes to consult children from different sectors of what issues they see and experience at their communities and schools and what they can recommend to help address or mitigate the issues they identified. It also serves as a venue where the Philippines select the official country representatives to the ASEAN Children's Forum or ACF. This forum is committed to gather ASEAN children and replicates the process of accessing information gathered by the country representatives on what are the issues and their recommendations before the concerned ASEAN bodies.

Due to her active participation during the PNCC, Ms. Yamamoto stood out among 60 participants. She earned her slot as one of the chosen children to officially represent the country at the 8th ACF. Her exceptional knowledge on child rights and dedication to convey their message has been felt in the duration of the forum. This has been the reason why she was again, selected to present their group's overall recommendations with the other chosen representatives to the heads and members of several ASEAN led structures handling women and children.

Recommender Name & Signature: Erica R. Paywan-Florendo  **Date:** 29 September 2025

Due to the evident intelligence, perseverance and commitment of Ms. Yamamoto, she has been a consistent honor student while leading the school's student body. Because of this, she was invited by UNICEF Philippines to join their pool of youth advocates championing the right of every child to participate, while still representing ASMAE Philippines. Since then, she has represented the Filipino children in several forums, conferences and consultations in the school, their LGU, and at the regional, national and ASEAN levels. These engagements strengthened her understanding of several child-rights framework, processes, tools and most importantly, advancing their efforts in continuously participating in addressing the problems their generation and the government face.

Having said all of these, **I strongly believe that Ms. Sofia Michiko L. Yamamoto is eligible for a scholarship from the Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for Philippine Government.** She has proven that she can pursue being an academically excellent student while carrying out her passion to contribute to the government's mission in prioritizing children. She knows how to use and maximize her platforms in voicing out her truths and those of her generation. By accepting her in the program, I believe that your organization's investment will surely gain significant returns and increase value in the future.