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FOUNDATION SPONSORS 18 NEW SCHOLARS



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This issue features the process of becoming a Foundation scholar. The process begins with the distribution of applications in September and concludes with the award of scholarships in March. Later newsletters will describe requirements for remaining a scholar and qualifying for a living allowance.

Board members and PCV's identify teachers and civic leaders in the Philippines, who are in touch with students. These community contacts distribute applications to students with academic promise who need financial support to continue their studies. To apply, students must:

1. Fill out an application with:

- basic demographic data
- school to be attended
- proposed course of study
- estimated tuition and fees
- parents' occupations
- how relatives can help
- name, age, occupation of siblings
- languages spoken
- source of application form

2. Answer seven essay questions.

3. Send a certified copy of grades for the last school year.

4. Have three to five people submit recommendation forms (at least one teacher and no relatives).

Below are the essay questions and verbatim responses from several student applications.

After you graduate from high school or college, what type of work would you like to do? In your own words explain why.

"Being a social worker in the future could contribute to the development of our society. Money is not so important to me, what matters a lot to me is the service I can extend to my fellow Filipinos especially the masses."

How would you apply your education in your community?

"I know that when I finished my degree in Business Administration, I will not be able to solve our economic crisis. But at least when I established a business, I can help some of our jobless but skilled citizen especially those in our province by hiring them as a worker in my Agri-Business."

What are your special interests outside of school (such as sports, community activities, hobbies)?

"I like volleyball and badminton. I also have interest in joining community activities such as cultural presentation. I also have interest in reading educational books, Bible and Journals. I also have interest in playing or strumming guitar."

Briefly describe your work experience (please include any type of work you have performed).

"The first type of work I have performed was pulling the white hairs of my lolo. I don't know if others will consider this as a work but for me I believe that this is the greatest work I have performed during my childhood."

Describe your volunteer experience (such as service through or at your place of worship, youth group projects, community projects, emergency assistance or relief activities).

"At the moment, I'm an active member of Pag-asa Youth Movement (PYM), Legion of Mary, and a board member of Kabataang Barangay in Budiao, Daraga, Albay. I am also a volunteer Day Care teacher of Tulungan Munting Bata Development project (TMBDP), one of the COPSDEV Program."

Describe one very important event or experience in your life. Why was it important and meaningful to you?

"Falling in love is the most exciting, the happiest, and the most meaningful event in my life. I'm not sure if it was really love but later on it became stronger that I have no other choice but to call it love. It begun when I met a beautiful girl last August. Finally after several months, I got her sweet YES and I very happy that even now we are still on."

Briefly describe your financial situation.

"My father is a farmer. Every year we are harvesting only about 15 cavans of rice which serves as our food supply for the whole year. We raise chickens which we sell when we are in need of money. We also raise some cows and carabaos. Sometimes my employed elder sister send us some financial support."

"Even before and at the moment, our financial situation is very hard to find. Because of the fact that only my widowed mother is the one supporting all eight of us remaining children in the family. We find very hard to meet our needs mostly in terms of our studies."

RECOMMENDATIONS COUNT

Applicants should have five people give them letters of recommendation. A minimum of three are needed. The form letters ask the following:

- Title and occupation of reference.
- How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity.
- Please give your opinion of the applicant's general scholastic ability.
- Would it be financially difficult or impossible for the applicant to attend high school or college without outside support? Please explain.
- What are the strengths AND weaknesses of the applicant in the following areas:
 (a) *motivation*
 (b) *compatibility with others*
- What leadership qualities does the applicant exhibit and what has been the extent of the applicants' involvement in out-of-school and community activities or projects?
- How would you rate the applicant in overall academic ability and potential in comparison with others of the same educational level?

Top 10% ____ Top 25% ____
 Average ____ Below Average ____

HOW BOARD SELECTS SCHOLARS

The most important work of the Foundation Board occurs in February when all members meet for an entire day to rate applicants for scholarships. Working in teams of two, they independently review the material submitted by each applicant, rating the student according to:

1) Need, Yes or No

based on :

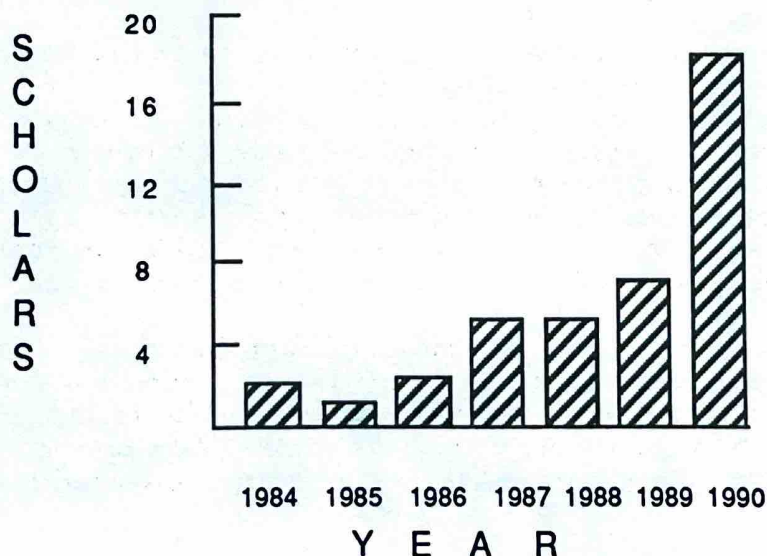
- parents' occupation
- number, age, grade in school and occupation of siblings
- references

If Yes,

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| 2) Scholastic potential | |
| grades | 0-13 points |
| recommendations | 0-27 points |
| 3) Non-academic activities | 0-19 points |
| 4) Strengths / weaknesses | 0-21 points |
| 5) Goals | 0-20 points |
| | 0-100 points |

Team members compare notes, and average scores; if their ratings differ greatly, they discuss issues in detail until they reach a consensus. Total scores must average at least 85 for a student to be offered a scholarship. Students with the highest ratings are invited to be Foundation Scholars. Last year 65 applications were reviewed and scholarships were offered to 20 applicants.

New PCAFPD Scholars Per Year



SCHOLAR DIES IN LANDSLIDE

We are sad to learn of the death of Joey Wagan who was a PCAFPD - sponsored student at Kalahan Academy, in Santa Fe, Nueva Viscaya. About one month after the Philippine earthquake three typhoons dumped huge amounts of water on mountain soil previously loosened by the quakes. At 5:00 AM on August 27 a very large landslide occurred that tore into the Academy dormitory killing Joey and 11 other students.

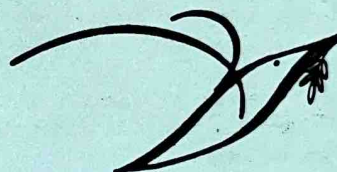
Joey, a Hanunoo Mangyan from Magsaysay, Mindoro was a fourth-year high school student at the Academy.



RELIEF EFFORT

In August, PCAFPD sent a letter to its supporters about the earthquake relief fund set-up by the Philippine American Foundation. We are happy to report that the PCAFPD "community" has contributed \$710 to date. Irene Natividad, the Executive Director of the Foundation, related how touched the Foundation was to receive contributions from us, other small organizations and ordinary citizens--Americans and Filipinos--who wanted to help. She sends special gratitude for your help.

According to Ms. Natividad, the Foundation raised a total of \$290,000, which will be divided between earthquake relief and earthquake rehabilitation activities. So far, \$90,000 has been set aside for cash aid to families who had members killed or injured. Each family would be eligible for 10,000 pesos. A revolving fund of \$30,000 has been set up to aid small business owners involved in food production to get back into business. Another \$5,000 has been given to Araullo University for scholarships to students from the Christian Colleges of Cabanatuan, crushed by the earthquake. Ms. Natividad has since traveled to the Philippines to explore other ways of assisting earthquake victims.



SCHOLAR COPES WITH "KILLER QUAKE"

The following letter describes the experience of Annabell Madayag of Benguet, in her fourth year of Social Work at St. Louis University, Baguio. Annabell is also the recipient of the Liz Abernethy Scholarship.

Dear Sir:

Hello! Nice to be back in shape once again after the terrifying calamities we have had. I just hope your fine too despite the floods that affected Manila....

The Lord stood with us during these calamity days. Thru His protection and love, we survived the killer quake. He gave us strength and endurance to bear the rains, the hunger, and those chilly nights as we camped outside the house for two weeks. It was really a hard life--no water, no light, no means of communication and transportation, no food for groceries were closed for 2 days. My family "extended" have to depend to the relief being distributed. Baguio was totally isolated--a dead city. The first two weeks was terrible, the awful smell of dead bodies was everywhere, not to mention the panicking people.

It's a new life again for me! That Monday afternoon, if classes were not suspended, I should have been at the 5th floor of our building and I just don't know if I survived. Our building suffered damages, how much more if we were there. Our weights could have caused the building to collapsed, if not, a lot of students could have died of stampede. It's a blessing in disguise that the students were on strike and classes were indefinitely suspended. Likewise, it's a good thing my

Penny White, RPCV Tunisia and chief of Operations for the Peace Corps PACEM Office, briefed the Board, in late July, on the withdrawal of Volunteers from the Philippines. According to Ms. White, information was received on June 22; from a "reliable intelligence source," that certain PCV's were "at risk" and had been targeted for kidnapping or death. The U.S. Ambassador decided he could not gamble that the threat was a hoax. Therefore, a decision was made to withdraw the Peace Corps from the Philippines, and action was taken immediately to bring all volunteers to Manila. Thirty-six PCV's were in Manila for a wedding; staff were dispersed to retrieve those who did not respond to a summons by telegram.

Many volunteers expressed anger at the Peace Corps' decision, because they did not believe the situation serious; volunteers felt that Filipinos would never hurt them. Three volunteers who were married to Filipinos refused to leave. After being summoned to Manila, PCV's were not allowed to return to their sites to pack and bid farewell. They eventually received most of their belongings through the efforts of PC staff and friends.

The recall of Volunteers disclosed the kidnapping of Timothy Swanson by the NPA in May. Swanson's wife did not report his absence to the Peace Corps until the recall notice was delivered. Swanson was released in early August, along with a Japanese volunteer who had also been abducted. Both kidnapped Volunteers were married to Filipinas. Both were in good condition when they were released.

President Aquino gave a reception at Malacanang for 252 Volunteers. The President expressed regret that they were leaving and hope that they could resume their work in the future. The Volunteers were flown to Hawaii for debriefing by Peace Corps officials.

Ms. White indicated that the Peace Corps program in the Philippines has been "suspended", and that Volunteers will return when the political situation becomes less volatile. The Peace Corps retains staff members in the Philippines. Several governors have asked that volunteers return to their provinces; some volunteers plan to return on their own. The Peace Corps hopes to resume operations in the summer of 1991.

practicum falls on Tuesday and Thursday. If it was on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, I could have been one of the casualties if not fatalities of the collapsed Hotel Nevada. There was a seminar sponsored by USAID and hosted by SLU-EISSIF (where I am having my field practice as a student volunteer in Community Credit Project) held in Nevada on July 14-17. We were invited by the Foundation staff to attend. However, the Foundation Director decided not to send any student volunteer to the seminar because of the conflict of schedule in our practicum and academic subjects... only the Foundation staffs were sent to the seminar and out of the six staff members, 3 of them died. One of them was my supervisor in Community Credit Projects. It's really disheartening to accept that they're gone.

The quake affected me alot--psychologically, mentally, and socially. It created me a lot of anxieties and worries. It's good I didn't lose control of myself like others did. I'm trying my best to cope up with the stress brought about by that calamity. It's good that our Guidance Office is conducting a 60 minute happening on the nature of the earthquake and the managemnt of fears and other negative feelings entitled "Quakes and Aches". It's their way of helping us, the students to cope up with the stress and fears we have.

By the way, for two months I stayed in Bagulo. Much that I wanted to go home, I couldn't for Halsema Highway was not passable. I didn't had the chance to see my parents there in Lepanto. I did volunteer in the relief distribulon during those days. I helped our barangay officials in distributing relief goods and assisting the visiting medical teams. It was worth it....

*Very truly yours,
Annabelle Madayag*

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

The National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers was formed to promote public awareness of third-world economic development problems, provide a forum for sharing cross-cultural experiences and extend Peace Corps idealism and volunteerism into local, national and international activities which further these aims. By joining the Council you can furnish support for its activities and keep informed about meetings, conferences and projects of interest to ex-volunteers.

Annual dues for Council membership are \$35.00. As an affiliated member of the Council, PCAFPD gets \$15.00 of the \$35.00 paid by each ex-volunteer from the Philippines, if the RPCV so indicates. This money from the Council helps to further the scholarship work of the PCAFPD.

To join the Council send your check or money order for \$35.00 to:

National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers,
1319 F St., NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20004

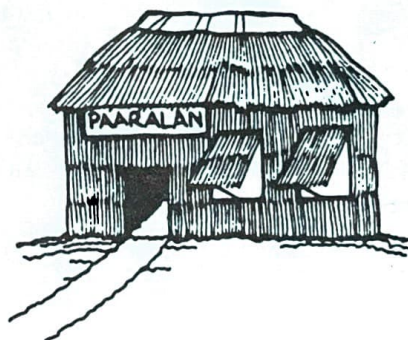
We can facilitate your joining the National Council and are happy to do so. When you send your PCAFPD contribution, if you add an additional \$20.00 for NCRPCV membership, we will forward that to the Council. Please make your intentions clear in your communication to us if you choose to join the Council through PCAFPD.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!

Come to Washington, D.C. from August 1 to 4, 1991, to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Peace Corps. The National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers is planning a reunion conference for 10,000 "formers".

We have formed a committee chaired by Diane Rodill to plan activities for Philippines volunteers and staff. We will design country update sessions about the Philippines and stage a major social event -- perhaps a grand barrio fiesta.

We want to inform the 7500 returned PCVs and staff from the Philippines of the event and the special activities. Any help you can provide in augmenting our mailing list will be welcome. We also need your suggestions for events. And, if you could send a small contribution earmarked for expenses related to the event, we'd be most grateful. Get those kimonas and barongs out of mothballs and plan to be in D.C. next summer.



Foundation To Host an Evening with Stanley Karnow

Stanley Karnow, who won the Pulitzer prize for *IN OUR IMAGE America's Empire in the Philippines*, will spend an evening with the Foundation on Wednesday, January 9, 1991.

Mr. Karnow will speak and lead a discussion. Refreshments will be served.

Great Hall, Sumner School
17th & M Streets, N.W.
7:30PM

Seating is limited to 150 people
A \$15.00 *tax-deductible* donation is requested
All proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund

Tickets may be obtained from:

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FOUNDATION SEEKS BOARD MEMBERS

PCAFPD is governed and administered by a Board of 24 members, organized into steering committees of Development, Finance, and Student Affairs and an ad hoc committee to plan 30th Anniversary events.

In January, new Board elections will be held. The primary criteria for Board membership is commitment to the purpose of the Foundation and a willingness to give a little of your time.

Please call Maureen Carroll at 202-462-7254 to indicate interest in joining the Board.

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Wanted:

Long-Carriage Typewriter for Manila Office
(non-electric) to type forms, etc., contact:
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Where are You?

Sharon Lewandowski from Mindoro, 1978-80
Pauline Griffith-Banducci of Puerto Galera is looking for you.
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**PLEASE SEND US ANY NEWS OR VIEWS THAT
YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE**

PCAFPD MEETINGS

The Foundation holds bi-monthly meetings on the 4th Tuesday of JAN, MAR, MAY, JUL, SEP and NOV, at

OEF International
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Meetings begin at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. For more information contact:

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SALAYSAYAN BLUES

We regret to inform all of you who requested the Salaysayan magazine from Manila, that the magazine has been put on hold until the Peace Corps returns to the Philippines.

Many of us will miss the pleasures of reading about what is happening in the country, the new and different projects, and activities that volunteers participate in. We do hope to re-establish this service to you at the earliest possible date pending reopening of the offices there.

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