

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 Justin Tabor:

Relationship to applicant: Former Teacher

Organization/School: PCAFPD

Email address: taborguy@gmail.com

Applicant Information: Use additional pages as needed

Name: Roland Leonillo

Current School: N/A

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.

To the PCAFPD Selection Team:

Not long after I joined the PCAFPD board I proposed a rule change to allow new scholars to apply for scholarships for masters degrees. Mr. Roland Leonillo was the person I had in mind when making that proposal, and I was thrilled when he was selected for a scholarship. I strongly believe that continued support of his studies will have lasting ripple effects on the Philippines that are worthy of the investment.

As a Peace Corps Volunteer in Bacolod City I had the opportunity to teach Mr. Leonillo during his first two years of college. Although he was never the most boisterous student he worked hard, engaged in class, and left a positive impression. As an educator myself, Mr. Leonillo's journey from shy college freshman, to award-winning community leader has been inspiring. His story is an exemplar of human development in the PCAFPD model. We should absolutely continue to support him as an avatar of what PCAFPD hopes to achieve.

For context, Bacolod City College, where I first met Mr. Leonillo, is a small college run by the city government where many students receive subsidies to attend. In 2009 Mr. Leonillo's tuition and fees were around \$60 a year, which was a price that was challenging to his family— and nearly all of my students. After graduating, he went immediately to work, earning money to support his family. Over time, I have always been impressed by his maturity where money is concerned. Mr. Leonillo had very little support from others, which developed a strong drive to succeed on his own merits and create the life that he wants. Nevertheless, he honors his family, is dedicated to their care and upkeep, and is the main source of income for several people. As

Recommender Name & Signature:

Justin Tabor


Date: 8/18/2016

continued education has opened doors for Mr. Leonillo's career, he doesn't squander those opportunities for himself but invests it in his family and loved ones.

What is equally important is how Mr. Leonillo has used his academic accomplishments to fuel a passion for community service at the highest level of what we expect from our scholars. Most notably, Mr. Leonillo served multiple terms on the board of his local Rotary Club, including several years as the chapter president. He used this position not just to be of service, but to generate service opportunities for others.

I think it is also important to point out that while a PhD will fuel important changes at the micro-level it also has the chance to effect major changes at the macro-level. We can't deny the growing use of technology in Education, so as a professor and researcher of Educational Technology Mr. Leonillo will hold critical knowledge to pass along to the next generation of educators and learners. A wonderful example of this is how Mr. Leonillo was awarded multiple prizes for his masters thesis and then went on to teach research courses. His students have learned from a great teacher, and proceeded to win awards for their research efforts as well.

PhDs have been awarded to PCAFPD scholars only on select occasions, but Mr. Leonillo is a best-case study as to why PCAFPD should help scholars obtain advanced degrees. I believe that the return on investment from his masters degree has been paid many times over through his community service and knowledge sharing. He has demonstrated across multiple criteria that his development has positive downstream effects on his community. I stand fully in my recommendation for Mr. Leonillo for this honor and hope you will find his case as compelling as I do.

Sincerely,



Justin Tabor

PCAFPD President

Recommender Name & Signature:



Date:

8/18/2016