



US South Pacific Scholarship Program (USSP)

➔ **The U.S. South Pacific Scholarship Program (USSP)**, authorized by the U.S. Congress and funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, is a competitive, merit-based scholarship program that provides opportunities for Master's and Bachelor's degree study at the University of Hawai'i in fields that are directly relevant to the development needs of Pacific island countries. It will also enable the recipients to develop their leadership capacity, build regional networks, and obtain a broader understanding of the United States.

Candidates from the following countries, who meet specific selection criteria, are eligible for the program: **Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.**

Eligible Fields of Study

Priority areas of study include agriculture, business, communication/journalism, education, environmental studies, gender studies, NGO management, political science, public administration, public health, STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, mathematics), and other related fields. Support is not available for professional degrees such as architecture, law, and medicine.

Eligibility

- **Bachelor's Scholarship:** Applicants must have completed secondary school by the deadline for submitting a university application for admission to their undergraduate program. In some countries this means having completed "Form 6." In other countries, this may mean having completed "Grade 12."
- **Master's Scholarship:** Applicants must have completed at least a three-year baccalaureate program. Those with a three-year Bachelor's degree may apply for a bridging program of up to one year, which upon completion allows for application to a Master's degree program.

Preference is given to candidates who have not had extensive experience in the US and/or opportunities for study at educational institutions outside the Pacific Islands region.

Provisions Include: Tuition and fees, housing in a student residence hall, monthly allowance, health insurance, initial settling-in allowance, annual book allowance, initial and terminal transportation to and from home country.

