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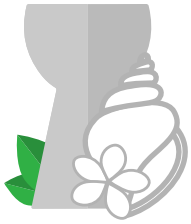
CHAMORU LANGUAGE EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP



FELLOWSHIP BACKGROUND

Recently, there has been a public call to deliberately address the need to educate on and perpetuate the CHamoru language and culture. The Diep-Dang Kim-Xoa Charitable Foundation and the Tony Lam Family have partnered with the Guam Philharmonic Foundation, Incorporated to award a total of **three (3) fellowships** (2025-2026) to dedicated CHamoru language practitioners and educators to assist with this effort on Guam. Each award shall be **$2,500 USD**.

- one (1) Elementary Educator Fellowship (K-5th grade)
  - $2,500 USD x 1 award
- two (2) Secondary Educator Award (6th-12th grade)
  - $2,500 USD x 2 awards

DESCRIPTION

Successful candidates will submit a proposal briefly explaining the candidate's philosophy of teaching the language and how they would effectively teach the language to a mixed cohort of students within a 4-6-week period in Guam.

Note: Elementary Cohort (K-5th); Secondary Cohort: (6-12th)

The candidate will lead their proposed summer program in June-July 2026. The method of selecting students and how the candidate would incorporate the arts and other school subjects into the program can be explained in the proposal. Each candidate will teach a cohort of no more than 20 students. Candidates may list any potential collaborators and community partners they wish to engage with to assist with this mission. At least one (1) public presentation demonstrating each program's effectiveness is expected sometime in the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2026.

Note: There is no format for the proposal – be creative, direct, and brief. No more than 5 pages will be accepted; any additional material submitted will not be considered.

Proposals will be evaluated by a panel that will include CHamoru language educators and practitioners. The top 5 candidates will move on to the interview phase. After all candidates are interviewed, the top three (3) candidates will be awarded fellowships at a public presentation on **July 27, 2025**.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Resident of Guam (must be living in Guam prior to July 2020)
   Note: College students studying abroad who recently graduated from a high school in Guam are eligible to apply.
2. At least age 18 years old

APPLICATION DEADLINE

July 16, 2025 by **8:00pm CHSt** via email to **info@guamphilharmonic.org or** by **hand delivery** in a sealed envelope to the **Operation New Life Center, Concourse 1, Micronesia Mall – Dededo, Guam** addressed to:

Guam Philharmonic Foundation, Inc.
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APPLICATION PACKET CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

1. **Curriculum vitae or resume**
2. **Video introduction** – no more than 3-minutes in English and CHamoru. Introduce yourself and why you would like to be considered for this fellowship. Submit via thumb drive, DVD, or download link.
3. **3-5 page proposal** written in CHamoru
4. **English translation** of the proposal
5. **One (1) letter of recommendation** by a public figure, established educator, or practitioner of the CHamoru language who can endorse the candidate's grasp of the CHamoru language and ability to teach

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact **Joanne Matanane, Program Director** at **matanane@guamphilharmonic.org** or call 671-988-7347.

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