

NAKOROTUBU EDUCATION FUND

BACKGROUND

The Nakorotubu Education Fund has been established through a partnership with locally-based tourism operators, dive liveaboard operators, the communities from *qoliqoli* Cokovata Nakorotubu, Ra Provincial Office and the Wildlife Conservation Society.

The concept is simple. Local communities from Nakorotubu District have established a *tabu* over the 110.5 km² Vatu-i-Ra Conservation Park (see map). In return, tourism operators will work with their clients to set up a *voluntary contribution to conservation scheme* – meaning visitors to the Conservation Park will make voluntary donations to support Park management and to run an education fund for tertiary level students. There will be a Management Committee to run the Vatu-i-Ra Conservation Park, and the funds will be managed by a Board of Trustees to ensure transparency and accountability on the use of funds.

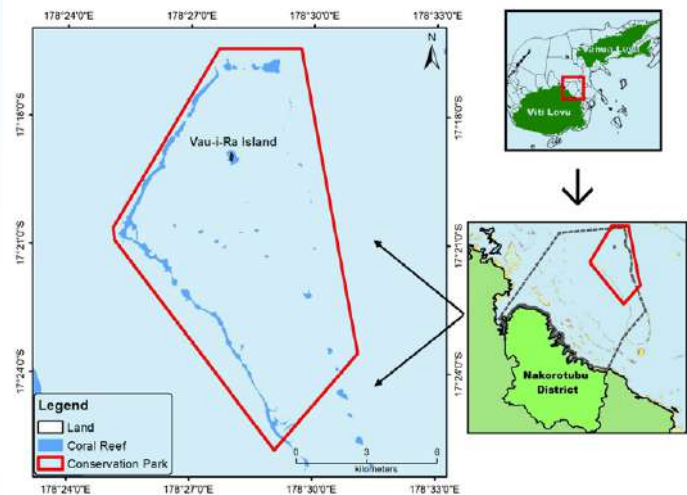
© James Begeman

WHY IS THE VATU-I-RA CONSERVATION PARK SPECIAL?

The Vatu-i-Ra Conservation Park boasts some of the most spectacular diving in Fiji, drawing divers from all over the world. Many of the bommies and pinnacles are covered in colourful soft corals and sea fans, making the sites popular amongst dive photographers. Strong currents in the Conservation Park bring large schools of fish onto the coral reefs. Vatu Island commonly known as “Bird Island”, is home to colonies of seabirds is listed as a “Site of National Significance” and is also known globally as an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area.

The protection and management of the Vatu-i-Ra Conservation Park will help maintain the unique biodiversity of the island and surrounding reefs, preserve the special cultural history of the area, and create a fish breeding ground to

support fisheries in the adjacent *qoliqoli* Cokovata Nakorotubu area. This means everyone will benefit. The Vatu-i-Ra Conservation Park and its management received the full support and endorsement of the Bose Vanua of Nakorotubu in February, 2017.



© BirdLife International

© James Begeman

NAKOROTUBU EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION FORM

PURPOSE

The Nakorotubu Education Fund (NEF) has been established to provide financial assistance through a scholarship award to individuals from Nakorotubu District, who have passed their Year 12, Year 13 or equivalent Foundation Studies and wish to pursue other tertiary or higher level studies in Fiji.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be a Fijian citizen and from Nakorotubu District.
- Students must have successfully completed Year 13 or Foundation Studies in the year prior to the awards year. Generally, the awards for 2018 will be given to students who have completed Year 12, Year 13 or foundation studies in 2017 and achieved the minimum marks.
- Students must have an offer letter from a local Higher Education Institute.
- The NEF scholarships are awarded without regard or bias to sex, religion, age, or sexual orientation.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

To be considered for a NEF Scholarship Award, eligible applicants must complete the Application Form and submit it to the Ra Provincial Council office in hard copy by 15 January of each year. The application must include:

- A completed **Application Form**. *Only completed application forms will be considered.*
- An official academic transcript (exam results) for Year 12 and 13 or equivalent Foundation Studies including GPA. *(To be submitted as soon as the results are out).*
- Offer letter from the Higher Education Institute. *(To be submitted as soon as available).*
- Certified copy/signed copy of birth certificate.
- Students TIN Letter/FRCA-FNPF Joint Card.
- Two recent passport size photos.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM

Hand deliver **completed printed applications** to the **Ra Provincial Council office, Nanukuloa, Ra Province**. Do not forget to ask for an official receipt as an evidence of a successful submission of the application form.

Submitting a completed application package does not guarantee approval.

Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.

CONTACT

For further enquiries or information please contact:

Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)

Dr Sangeeta Mangubhai, WCS Director

Ms Ruci Lumelume, WCS Policy Advisor

11 Ma'afu Street, Suva

Email: infofiji@wcs.org

Telephone **+679 331 5174**



NAKOROTUBU EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION FORM

A. PERSONAL DETAILS

1. Title: Mr/ Miss: _____
Surname: _____
First Name: _____
Other Name(s): _____
2. Gender: _____
3. Date of Birth (day/month/year): _____
4. Name of Village: _____
5. TIN#: _____
6. Email if any: _____
7. Residential Address: _____
8. Mailing Address (if different from above): _____
9. Phone Contact (home phone and mobile): _____
10. Parents/Guardian's Name: _____
11. Parent's/Guardian's Contact: _____
12. Bank Name: _____
13. Bank Account #: _____
14. Are you a Continuing Student: _____
15. Start Date of Course (day/month/year): _____
16. Planned Date of Completion (day/month/year): _____

B. HIGH SCHOOL/FOUNDATION STUDIES RESULTS

(Foundation Studies students to attach Foundation Studies transcripts)

STUDIES	YEAR 13 / FOUNDATION	YEAR 12
Institution		
Year Completed		
Index/Student ID#		
<i>For the highest level achieved, please provide details of your grades (English + best 3 subjects)</i>		
SUBJECT	MARKS	
English		
TOTAL MARKS		

C. HIGHER/TERTIARY EDUCATION PREFERENCES

	INSTITUTION	PROGRAMME (SPECIFY MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY)	CAMPUS
Level of Course Applying For			
First Choice			
Second Choice			
Third Choice			

D. STUDENT ESSAY

Why did you choose this course? (200–300 words maximum)

What do you hope you do once you finish the course? (200–300 words maximum)

E. MEDICAL HISTORY

Please indicate whether you have any medical condition(s) or major illness(es) that the Board of Trustee should be aware of?

NO | YES If Yes, please provide details:

F. SIGNATURE

Please sign below to confirm that all the details above are complete and correct.

FULL NAME SIGNATURE DATE