

Belau Class of 84

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Main Activities

- Raising scholarship funds
- Helping the community



Established in 2014 by the 1984 graduates of Palau High School, running drives to raise scholarship funds for Palau High School students. It eventually expanded and now involves the Class of 84 from all high schools in Palau. Anyone who graduated from high school as a Class of 84 in Palau is considered a member of the organization.

Purpose

To support the students in high school with scholarships to help them with their future, and to develop a working relationship with the national government and private sectors to improve the quality of life in the communities of Palau.



Back in the day when we did not have the internet in Palau, after graduating high school, most of us lost touch. We were a small class of less than 300 so we all knew each other and had close relations. When the internet became a norm in Palau, we naturally found each other and reconnected. We came together and discussed how we could give back to the community, and eventually expanded our group to include all graduates of 84 in Palau.

We then began hosting several scholarship drives in 2014 in hopes to give back to the community. One of the scholarships we have provided since was in 2019, where we gave scholarships worth \$500 to the top four graduating students from Palau High School.

Our short-term goal is to raise funds to help those in need of immediate assistance. Our long-term goal is to sustain the NGO by partnering with the national government and other NGOs to assist in improving the livelihood of the people of Palau. Most of our members have full-time jobs and other commitments so we must work around them to fulfill our mission. We believe a partnership with other sectors is the most important aspect of being an NGO for sustainability. Therefore, we would love to collaborate with JICA as well as other organizations in the future.

Even today, we are still spreading awareness and building up this organization as a fairly new group, and reconnecting with more graduates from 1984 from all around Palau. As Belau Class of 84, we want to give back and help the community of Palau, especially those in need of assistance. Isn't it normal and the right thing to do to help the community that raised us? We are all excited at the prospect of doing what we can to assist the community of Palau.

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