
Memorandum of Understanding
between
The Anguilla Progressive Association of New York, Inc
and
The Optimist Club of Anguilla

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a collaborative framework between the Anguilla Progressive Association of New York, Inc. (APANY) and the Optimist Club of Anguilla (OCA), hereinafter the "Parties", with respect to the implementation of the Heritage Scholarship Project funded by APANY for the benefit of Anguillian students pursuing tertiary education at colleges and universities in the United States and the Caribbean.

I. **MISSION**

WHEREAS, the Anguilla Progressive Association of New York, Inc., a 501 (c) (3) corporation, was chartered in the State of New York by Anguillians with a mission to assist Anguillians at home and abroad, and whereas prominently included in that broad mission, APANY is committed to assist the youth of Anguilla in the critical area of education through a recently established initiative named the Heritage Scholarship Project, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Optimist Club of Anguilla is to bring out the best in youth by providing hope and positive vision, and by aiding and encouraging their development in areas such as health, sports, and education, and whereas in furtherance of these programmatic objectives, the OCA wishes to collaborate with APANY in implementing the Heritage Scholarship Project for the benefit of the youth of Anguilla,

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to mutually develop and implement the Heritage Scholarship Project by selecting and awarding

education grants to Anguillian students studying in the United States and the Caribbean.

Accordingly, the APANY and the OCA, operating under this MOU, agree as follows:

II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this MOU is to establish the general framework in which the Parties will collaborate. Under its overall mission, APANY is authorized to accept tax deductible contributions that may be used for any eligible charitable purpose in the United States and in Anguilla. Because APANY is based in New York, the organization needs a local partner to efficiently implement and administer the Heritage Scholarship Project by selecting candidates to receive Heritage Education Grant awards.

The OCA is admirably suited to undertake this role because a key component of its overall mission is to serve the youth of Anguilla through its many volunteer activities which frequently involve close working relationships with the local school systems. Moreover, because OCA's membership includes many prominent Anguillians from a wide cross-section of the island's educational, business and government communities, this organization is ably positioned to carry out its responsibilities with respect to selection of appropriate candidates to receive Heritage Education Grant awards.

In implementing this project, each organization is responsible for its own expenses related to the MOU. There will be no exchange of funds between the parties for tasks associated with this MOU.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

Each party will appoint a person to serve as its official contact and coordinator of the activities each organization is carrying out under this MOU. The initial appointees are:

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The Parties agree to undertake the following tasks:

APANY will

- Sponsor, on a continuing basis, appropriate fundraising activities to ensure that funding is available to finance grant awards annually.
- Announce education grant awards at its annual gala held in New York in June of each year.
- Provide feedback to OCA on criteria development and other issues as necessary.
- Link OCA on the APANY website.
- Recognize OCA as a programmatic partner in all publicity with respect to the Heritage

Scholarship Project as per the terms of this MOU.

OCA will

- Develop, in collaboration with APANY, appropriate criteria for identification and selection of grant recipients.
- Select two (2) students to receive grant awards annually.
- Select substitute awardees in the event that becomes necessary.
- Serve as a point of contact for students with respect to problems related to the grant awards.
- Advise APANY on grant renewals on an annual basis.

-- Advise APANY on amendments to criteria and share best practices as they become evident.
Each party agrees to undertake reasonable additional responsibilities as experience and necessity dictate.

IV. TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING

The term of this MOU shall be ten (10) years from its effective date and may be extended upon written mutual agreement. It shall be reviewed annually to ensure that the MOU is fulfilling its purpose and to make appropriate revisions. All revisions shall be in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the Parties.

Either organization may terminate this MOU upon thirty (30) days written notice without penalty or liability

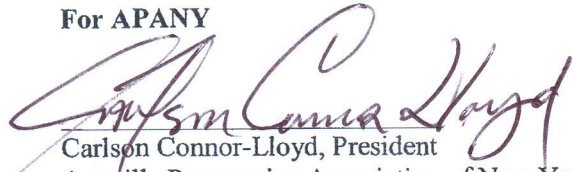
V. AUTHORIZATION

The signing of this MOU is not a formal legal undertaking. It implies only that the Parties will strive to accomplish, to the best of their ability, the objectives stated in the MOU.


APANY and OCA have full power and authority to enter and perform according to the terms of this MOU, and the persons signing this MOU have been properly authorized and empowered to do the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties affix their signatures below:

For APANY


Carlson Connor-Lloyd, President
Anguilla Progressive Association of New York, Inc.
March 16th, 2012

For OCA


Shellecia Brooks, President
Optimist Club of Anguilla
March 16th, 2012