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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the regular session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on February 13, 2017 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial ordinance was approved:

Authored by SP Member Jeremy Agerico B. Rosario

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 205-2017

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (PSP) OF THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, Provincial Ordinance No. 17-92 had re-established the Pangasinan Provincial College Scholarship Assistance Program of the Provincial Government of Pangasinan granting scholarship benefits to poor but deserving students in 1992;

WHEREAS, one of the primordial concerns of the present administration is to provide an alternative means of equipping its people, especially the youth, to face life and molding them to become productive citizens of the community and the nation through the achievement of a better education;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need therefore to institutionalize the grant of the scholarship program of the provincial government in collaboration with other officials and institutions in the pursuance of a goal to help Pangasinenses who are interested in acquiring higher education but with no available resources;

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the State to provide relevant, accessible, high quality and efficient technical education and development to the people, especially the youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Jeremy Agerico B. Rosario, duly seconded, it was-

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session duly assembled that:



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SECTION 1. TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as “AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OF THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby declared the policy of the Province of Pangasinan to provide the poor but deserving students of the Provincial Scholarship Program which aimed to promote and improve the quality of life of the local constituents in order that no person shall be deprived of education on account of poverty and therefore contribute to the social and economic development of the nation.

SECTION 3. SCOPE OF THE PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OF THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN– The following scholarship programs shall be granted by the Province of Pangasinan:

3.1 Provincial Scholarship Program for Highly-Competitive College Students

3.1.1 Description - The scholarship consists of financial assistance from the Provincial Government of Pangasinan for the college education of poor but deserving graduating high school students who are residents of Pangasinan except Dagupan City.

3.1.1.1 College education, what it consists of. College education consists of completion of work, leading to any four-year or five-year Bachelor's degree in any government recognized institution of higher learning in the country, as may be selected by the recipient or scholar. The priority courses include Ladderized courses on Education, Engineering, Information Technology, Social Work, and Entrepreneurship, Agriculture and Agro-Industrial courses, Philippine Studies (history, arts and culture) and other related courses.

3.1.1.2 Financial assistance, what it consists of. The amount of Eight Thousand Pesos (P8,000.00) every term or semester, i.e., twice every academic year, shall be given as financial assistance to the scholar. If the receiving school adopts a trimester program, the assistance is given on the first and the third semesters. The basis of computation would be the General Weighted Average (GWA) of the first trimester and the combined GWA of the second and third trimesters.



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3.1.2 Application Requirements

3.1.2.1 Qualified Applicants. High school graduates who have a General Weighted Average (GWA) of eighty-five percent (85%) or higher and who passed the family income standard are qualified to apply. In all cases, the applicants must be residents of Pangasinan, except Dagupan City, for at least one (1) year as certified by the Barangay Captain of his/ her residence.

3.1.2.2 Automatic qualifiers. Thirty (30) Valedictorians of DepEd recognized secondary schools with at least 400 graduating students in PUBLIC high schools and at least 200 graduating students in PRIVATE high schools as certified by the school principal shall qualify as Automatic Qualifiers.

For High Schools that have more than two programs, e.g. general curriculum, special science, special program for the arts, etc., only two (2) may be qualified as Automatic Qualifiers, on a "first-to-apply, first-to-be-served" basis.

They need only to personally apply and meet the standards on family income as herein set forth to be entitled to the scholarship.

3.1.2.3 Salutatorians, how they qualify. In the event the valedictorian in the preceding paragraph fails to qualify or waive the privileges, the salutatorian shall be eligible to be an automatic qualifier.

3.1.2.4 Family income standard. The qualifier or candidate for scholarship must belong to a family with an annual combined income of parents/guardians of not more than one hundred thirty thousand pesos (P130,000.00) as certified by the Certificate of Tax Exemption from the Bureau of Internal revenue (BIR).

3.1.2.5 Documentary Requirements. Applicants should complete the following application requirements:



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3.1.2.5.1 Form 138 or Secondary Report Card (Certified true copy)

3.1.2.5.2 Medical Certificate from a government physician (original copy)

3.1.2.5.3 Duplicate copy of Income Tax Return (ITR) of Parent/Guardian or Certificate of Tax Exemption from the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) if parent/guardian is exempted from tax (original copy)

3.1.2.5.4 Certificate of Scholarship Eligibility (PSP Form No. 2)

3.1.2.5.5 Individual Information Sheet (PSP Form No. 3) with 1 ½ x 1 ½ recent picture taken within the last six (6) months

3.1.2.6 Date and place of examination. The Provincial Academic Scholarship Program Committee conducts the examination to all qualified applicants every second Monday of May at the Social Hall of the Pangasinan National High School in Lingayen for DepEd Pangasinan I Division, Alaminos City and San Carlos City and at the Social Hall of Juan G. Macaraeg National High School in Binalonan for DepEd Pangasinan II Division and Urdaneta City.

Only the first top 120 passers will be accommodated in the scholarship program.

3.1.3 Standard for maintaining scholarship benefits. Every scholar, in every semester of schooling, must maintain:

3.1.3.1 A full normal load determined by the number of unit load of the scholar every semester as provided for by his/her school's curriculum without dropping or failing any subject.

3.1.3.2 General Weighted Average (GWA) of not lower than eighty-five percent (85%), with no grade below eighty percent (80%) in all academic and non-academic subjects.

3.1.3.3 In highly technical courses like Engineering, Architecture and Accountancy courses, a GWA of eighty-two percent (82%) with no failing grade in any subject, shall suffice in order to be entitled to the same scholarship benefits for the ensuing semester.



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3.1.3.4 Failure to meet the foregoing standards for any reason terminates the scholarship assistance.

3.1.3.5 Effect of other scholarship grants/ assistance.

3.1.3.5.1 The scholar who is able to earn an academic scholarship or some other kind of educational benefits or privileges from the school itself or other private sources, shall continue to receive the financial assistance from the Province of Pangasinan, except where the scholar earns a full scholarship from another government agency, like the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), and other related Philippine government agencies.

3.1.3.5.2 In case a scholar qualifies for a scholarship from another government agency during his/ her term with the Academic Scholarship Assistance Program, the scholar will have to choose either the Provincial Scholarship or the scholarship coming from other government agency.

3.1.3.5.3 When a scholarship slot is vacated or waived, the Provincial Scholarship Assistance Program Committee reserves the right to give it to the applicant who is next in rank, based on the qualifying examination results. This applies to First Year scholars only.

3.1.4 Forfeiture of benefit. The scholar will lose his/her scholarship in any of the following:

3.1.4.1 When he/she fails to meet the grade requirement.

3.1.4.2 When he/she fails to enroll, for any reason, during the term or semester he/she is qualified.

3.1.4.3 When he/she, for any reason, stops schooling for one (1) term or one (1) semester.

3.1.4.4 When he/she fails to submit his/her grade requirements for one (1) term or one (1) semester.

3.1.4.5 When he/she shifts to a different course or transfers to another school.



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3.1.4.6 When he/she avails of a full scholarship from another Philippine government agency.

3.1.4.7. Exemption. A scholar, particularly enrolled in highly competitive quota courses like the BS Accountancy program, but with passing GWA and with no failing grade in any subject, may shift to a related course in the same school, subject however to the Academic Scholarship Assistance Program Committee's review and approval.

3.2 Provincial Scholarship Program for Pangasinan State University (PSU) Students

3.2.1 Description. This scholarship program is open to poor but deserving students who are enrolled in the nine (9) campuses of the Pangasinan State University. The collegiate enrollment by campus is used to determine equitable and rational allocation of scholars. A financial assistance of P5,000.00 per semester or a total of P10,000.00 per scholar per year shall be given to qualified scholars.

3.2.2 Application Requirements

3.2.2.1 Student-applicant must be a resident of the Province of Pangasinan, except Dagupan City, for at least one year as certified by the Barangay Captain of his or her residence.

3.2.2.2 Student-applicant must belong to a family with an annual combined income of not more than P130,000.00 as certified by the Certificate of Tax Exemption from the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

3.2.2.3 Student-applicant has to pass the PSU Admission Examination and personal interview to qualify for the scholarship program.

3.2.2.4 Student-applicant is required to fill-out the application form and submit the same to the PSU Campus Coordinator for Student Services and/or to the Office of the Provincial Governor with certified true copy of applicant's Form 138 and original copy of Certificate of Result of Entrance Examination as supporting documents.



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3.2.2.5 Valedictorians of graduating classes of 200 or more students automatically qualify as scholars. A certification from the high school principal attesting to the academic award and the number of graduating class should be personally submitted as supporting document.

3.2.3 Standard for maintaining scholarship benefits

3.2.3.1 A student who qualifies for the scholarship program should maintain a full normal load in every semester of schooling. Full load is the number of unit load of the scholar every semester as provided by his/her school curriculum.

3.2.3.2 A scholar should maintain an average grade of 82% or its equivalent with no dropped or failing subjects or incomplete grades.

3.2.3.3 Failure to meet the above standards terminates the scholarship assistance.

3.3 Provincial Scholarship Program for Technical-Vocational Education/Training

3.3.1 Description. This program is one of the provincial government's direct intervention measures initiated in order to help address the perennial problem of unemployment due to mismatch of skills with job market demands. The program aims to produce more highly qualified skilled worker, ready to fill the demands of the domestic and overseas job markets.

The program covers both the formal education and training courses under the jurisdiction of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) as well as the non-formal community-based trainings and provincial government-organized/sponsored training-for-employment projects.

This program is managed by the Provincial Government of Pangasinan through the Pangasinan Employment and Services Office (PESO). This program is an alternative to those who fail to qualify in the Pangasinan Provincial Scholarship Assistance Program and for PSU students' scholarship program. Grantees of



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this program shall enroll in technical and vocational and other short-term training programs either in the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) wherein private technical-vocational schools.

The program may be availed for courses/training programs considered in demand as recommended by the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA) and the Provincial Employment Services Office (PESO).

The amount of scholarship assistance is P7,000.00 per course/program of 2-6 months and P10,000.00 per program of 7 months to 1 year.

3.3.2 Application Requirements. The scholar-applicant must be:

3.3.2.1 Male or female; single or married

3.3.2.2 Filipino citizen and bonafide resident of the Province of Pangasinan (except Dagupan City) for at least (one) 1 year as certified by the Barangay Captain of his/her residence

3.3.2.3 18 to 38 years old

3.3.2.4 Physically and mentally fit to undergo training

3.3.2.5 Of good moral character with no pending administrative and/or criminal case

3.3.2.6 Unemployed individual or a member of a family whose combined annual income does not exceed P130,000.00 as certified by the Certificate of Tax Exemption from the Bureau of Internal revenue (BIR)

3.3.2.7 Documentary Requirements

3.3.2.7.1 Birth Certificate

3.3.2.7.2 School Card

3.3.2.7.3 Medical Certificate



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3.3.2.7.4 Income Tax Returns/Certification

3.3.2.7.5 NBI/ Police Clearance

3.3.3 Application and Selection Procedures. The Scholarship program shall be announced throughout the Province. The number of scholars shall be allocated rationally by district or by city/municipality depending on the appropriated amount of scholarship fund for the year.

They should undergo aptitude tests and interviews to determine their inclination/potential to technical work/job.

3.3.4 Fund Release. The check representing the scholarship benefit shall be released directly to the student in the presence of at least one of his/her parents or guardian.

3.3.5 Program Monitoring. The Provincial Manpower Development Committee shall monitor and evaluate the impact of the scholarship program especially on the number of employed graduates/trainees after a reasonable period of time.

3.4 Provincial Scholarship Program for Culture, Sports and the Arts

3.4.1 Description. This scholarship is given to incoming collegiate first year students who shall receive a scholarship assistance of P8,000.00 per semester. Qualified recipients are certified members of the cultural minority and those who have displayed exceptional talent/ potential in culture, arts and sports and other related fields.

The following slots are allotted annually for incoming freshmen, to wit:

3.4.1.1 Twenty (20) scholarship slots for culture, sports and the arts program;

3.4.1.2 Twenty (20) scholarship slots for the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples;

3.4.1.3 Ten (10) scholarship slots for the Federation of Pangasinan Muslim Associations, Inc. (FPMA)



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3.4.2 The Selection Criteria

A. NCIP and FPMA

a.1 The applicants should be a graduate of a reputable secondary school recognized by the Department of Education with a General Weighted Average (GWA) of 85% in his/her senior year.

a.2 The applicant should be a member of a recognized indigenous group or Muslim Association.

a.3 The applicant must belong to a family with an annual combined income of parents/guardians of not more than one hundred thirty thousand pesos (P130,000.00) as certified by the Certificate of Tax Exemption from the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).

a.4 The applicant should not be more than twenty-five years old.

a.5 The applicant should be physically fit and of good moral character.

a.6 The applicant should be of good moral character and endorsed by the NCIP Office or any government-recognized Muslim Association for the FPMA.

a.7 The applicant should pass the interview to be conducted by the scholarship committee.

a.8 The applicant must be a resident of Pangasinan for at least one (1) year, except Dagupan City, as certified by his Barangay Captain of his/her residence.

B. Incoming first year college students who excel in culture, sports, the arts, and related fields



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b.1 The applicant should be a graduate of a reputable secondary school recognized by the Department of Education offering special program for the arts or sports with a GWA of eighty-five percent (85%) in his senior year.

b.2 The applicant must belong to a family with an annual combined income of parents/guardians of not more than one hundred thirty thousand pesos (P130,000.00) as certified by the Certificate of Tax Exemption from the Bureau of Internal revenue (BIR).

b.3 The applicant must be endorsed by his/her school principal.

b.4 The applicant must be a winner of at least a regional culture, arts or sports competition.

b.5 The applicant must not be more than twenty (20) years old.

b.6 The applicant should be enrolled in any sports degree or a course specializing in culture and the arts of at least four (4) years in any recognized collegiate institution/ school of the arts.

b.6 Application is on a “first-to-apply, first-to-be-served” basis.

3.4.3 Standard for maintaining scholarship benefits. Every scholar, in every semester of schooling, must maintain:

For NCIP & FPMA Scholars:

3.1.3.2 General Weighted Average (GWA) of not lower than eighty-two percent (82%), with no failing grade in all academic and non-academic subjects.

3.1.3.3 In highly technical courses like Engineering, Architecture and Accountancy courses, a GWA of seventy-eight percent (78%) with no failing grade in any subject, shall suffice in order to be entitled to the same scholarship benefits for the ensuing semester.



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For Exceptionally Talented Students:

3.1.3.2 General Weighted Average (GWA) of eight-five (85%) or its equivalent, with no failing grade in all academic and non-academic subjects.

3.4.4 Forfeiture of benefit. The scholar will lose his/her scholarship in any of the following:

3.4.4.1 When he/she fails to meet the grade requirement

3.4.4.2 When he/she fails to enroll during the term or semester he/she is qualified

3.4.4.3 When he/she, for any reason, stops schooling for one (1) term or one (1) semester

3.4.4.4 When he/she fails to submit his/her grade requirements for one (1) term or one (1) semester

3.4.4.5 When he/she shifts to a different course or transfers to another school;

3.4.4.6 When he/she avails of a full scholarship from another Philippine government agency

3.4.4.7. Exemption. Scholars under the NCIP & FPMA, particularly enrolled in highly competitive quota courses like the BS Accountancy program, but with passing GWA and with no failing grade in any subject, may shift to a related course in the same school, subject however to the Academic Scholarship Assistance Program Committee's review and approval.

SECTION 4. THE PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM COMMITTEE - To carry this policy, there shall be created a Provincial Scholarship Program Committee (PSPC) to be headed by the Provincial Governor as its Overall Chairman. The composition of the PSPC shall be appointed by the Provincial Governor.

SECTION 5. THE PANGASINAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND - The yearly appropriated one percent (1%) of the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of the Province, donations and contributions received by the Board shall constitute the Scholarship Program which will support the Pangasinan Scholarship Program.



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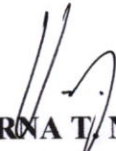
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SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by competent authority, such judgment or action shall not affect or impair the other sections or provisions thereof.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, executive orders, rules and regulations, or part thereof, in conflict with, or inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


VICE GOVERNOR JOSE FERMINAND Z. CALIMLIM, JR.
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


AMADO I. ESPINO, III
Governor