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DepEd MEMORANDUM
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"ONE TOWN, ONE SCHOLAR" SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public Secondary Schools

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) announces the **"One Town, One Scholar" Scholarship Program** of the government. This involves the awarding of four or five-year scholarship to incoming freshman who has been selected by his/her municipality as its "Town Scholar".

2. The program aims to enable and ensure that deserving public high school graduates from all towns, especially those from families that do not have the financial means, will receive a college education in a state university or college.

3. All public secondary schools are directed to open the application to the Scholarship Program to all interested top ten (10) graduating students this School Year 2009-2010. Screening and selection process shall follow the Implementing Guidelines of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) herewith enclosed as Enclosure Nos. 1 and 2.

4. All Regional/Division Offices are enjoined to actively implement and monitor implementation of this directive to ensure that every town/municipality is able to submit its Town Scholar on time and that every Town Scholar is able to maximize the benefits of the Scholarship Program.

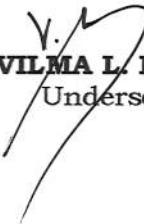
5. The following is the pertinent synchronized timeline for the Scholarship Program:

Application, Selection and Screening	February 1 to March 31, 2010
Submission of Municipal LGUs of Final List of Scholars to the Regional Office of the Commission on Higher Education with Supporting Documents	April 1 to 15, 2010
Validation by the Regional Office of the Commission on Higher Education of Scholars	April 16 to May 15, 2010
Awarding of Certificates to Scholars by the Regional Office of the Commission on Higher Education	April to May 2010, Before Enrollment and Right After Validation



6. For queries and coordination, please contact the Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs (CSCA) c/o Executive Director Joey G. Pelaez at tel. nos.: (02) 631-8495 or (02) 636-3603.

7. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is enjoined.


VILMA L. LABRADOR
Undersecretary

Encls.:

As stated

Reference:

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Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 04
Series of 2009

**SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR THE "ONE TOWN,
ONE SCHOLAR" SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," and by virtue of the following Directives as references:

1. *General Assembly of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines dated 29 November 2007* For the Presidential Management Staff (PMS) to "make sure that in our college scholarship program, the best high school graduate of every municipality will be a recipient and that will be called the 'town's scholar' of your municipality, making sure that the best high school graduate this coming graduation will be sure of a college education."
2. *Memorandum from the President dated November 2008* For the PMS (lead), DBM, CHED and DepED to ensure that the best high school graduate of every municipality, to be called the Town Scholar, will be a recipient of a college scholarship and thereby assured of a college education in a state university or college.

DBM to ensure the allocation of funds for the purpose for SY 2009-2010 in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, prior to its approval by the Congress. From SY 2010-2011 to SY 2012-2013, the funding requirements for this purpose shall be integrated in the annual National Expenditure Program (NEP) of CHED.

DepED to assist in the formulation and implementation of the implementing guidelines selection of the Town Scholars, in consultation with the CHED and other concerned agencies.

These implementing guidelines for the "One Town, One Scholar" Scholarship Program is hereby issued.

3. Belonging to the top ten of the graduating class of the public high school;
4. Family's combined gross annual income below Php300,000.00; and
5. Of good moral character and good health.

The results of the National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE) shall serve as supplement criteria in the selection process and college/course placement of the scholars.

IV. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

1. Proof that the student is a bonafide resident of the Municipality/Town;
2. High School Report Card;
3. Certification from the Public High School Principal that the student belongs to the top ten of the graduating class;
4. Income Tax Return or Tax Exemption Certificate of parents or guardians or its equivalent;
5. Certification of good moral character from School's Registrar; and
6. Certification of good health from government physician.

V. FINANCIAL PRIVILEGES

The Town Scholar shall enjoy the following package:

1. Free tuition fee in the State University/College (SUC) where the Town Scholar will enroll, provided the Town Scholar passes the entry requirements of SUC. In the case of University of the Philippines (U.P.), regarding tuition fee, their participation is subject to the scheme of Socialized Tuition and Financial Assistance Program (STFAP);
2. Other school and miscellaneous fees, including stipend (e.g., transportation and related allowances), not exceeding Php15,000.00 per semester from CHED for SY 2009-2010 and every year thereafter for four years subject to availability of funds in the General Appropriations Act; and
3. The Municipal local government unit is also encouraged to augment the scholarship benefits to the Town Scholar (e.g., stipend), depending on its capacity and the need of the beneficiary.

VI. PROGRAM CONDITIONS

1. The Town Scholar has to meet the following conditions during the scholarship period:

- 1.1 Execute a Scholarship Contract with CHED;
 - 1.2 Carry a full semestral/trimestral load as prescribed in the course curriculum and finish within the subscribed duration of the course;
 - 1.3 Enroll only in CHED-identified priority programs, in SUC within the municipality or nearest SUC to the municipality or town; the Town Scholar shall not shift to another course or transfer to another school, except for meritorious reasons;
 - 1.4 Maintain an average of 2.0 in all subjects, with a grade of not less than 2.75 per subject, in order to be retained in the Program;
 - 1.5 Be allowed to defer enrolment within a school year for meritorious reason/s; and
 - 1.6 Render return service for one year for every year of study grant within the country, with priority within the municipality of his/her residence.
2. The Town Scholar shall be terminated for the following reasons:
 - 2.1 Failure in at least two major academic subjects;
 - 2.2 Gross violation of the host school's policies and regulations; and
 - 2.3 Conviction by a Philippine court for any crime/offense committed.
 3. Replacement of Town Scholars/Grantees are allowed within a given School Year (SY) subject to the following conditions:
 - 3.1 Voluntary withdrawal from the grant offer;
 - 3.2 Force majeure or other unforeseen/unavoidable circumstances;
 - 3.3 Dropped out;
 - 3.4 Option for a better grant;
 - 3.5 Waiver in the middle of the semester; and
 - 3.6 Termination due to poor academic performance.

VII. FUNDING

1. CHED shall allocate **FORTY SIX MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (PhP46,350,000.00)** from its existing GAA fund for SY2009-2010, and include the same in its Annual Expenditure Program (NEP) onwards for on-going and new grantees.
2. DBM shall ensure allocation of funds for the Program in CHED's Fiscal Year Budget for SY 2009-2010;
3. DBM shall ensure allocation of new money for the Program for SY 2010-2011 and onwards as to be recommended in CHED's Annual NEP; and
4. SUC to provide free tuition to Town Scholar, provided they pass the entry requirements of SUC. Town Scholars opting to enroll in U.P. should meet the entry requirements and apply to its Socialized Tuition and Financial Assistance Program (STFAP).

VIII. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND MONITORING

Program monitoring shall be done by CHED, DILG, OP-PMS, DepED, LMP, LGUs and PASUC on the following conditions:

1. use own local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations; and
2. submit monitoring report to OP-PMS.

IX. TERMINATION AND BREACH OF CONTRACT

"One Town, One Scholar" Scholarship Program, may be terminated due to the following grounds/reasons:

1. Refusal/failure of the participating HEI without any justifiable reason to comply with any of the provisions of this Guideline;
2. Misuse/mismanagement of the funds or any part of such funds thereof other than the intended purposes of the Program by the concerned agencies, HEI, its faculty, staff or by the student-beneficiaries;
3. Declaration of DBM for non-availability of funds; and
4. For other similar just causes and grounds, through an adoption of a resolution by CHED *en banc* winding-up the activities of the Program.

X. EFFECTIVITY

This CMO shall take effect immediately and shall be disseminated to all concerned.

For proper guidance and strict compliance of all concerned.

Quezon City, Philippines, March 2, 2009.


EMMANUEL Y. ANGELES
Chairman

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CHED, DILG, DBM, DepED, LMP, PASUC, OP-PMS**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement made and entered into this _____ day of
MAR 04 2009, 2009 by and among:

The **Commission on Higher Education**, a government agency with office address located at HEDC Building, C.P. Garcia Avenue, Quezon City, represented herein by its Chairman, **ATTY. EMMANUEL Y. ANGELES** hereinafter referred to as "**CHED**";

- and -

The **Department of Interior and Local Government**, a government agency with office address located at Quezon City, represented herein by its Secretary, **HON. RONALDO V. PUNO** hereinafter referred to as "**DILG**";

- and -

The **Department of Budget and Management**, a government agency with office address located at San Miguel, Malacanang, Manila, represented herein by its Secretary, **HON. ROLANDO G. ANDAYA, JR.** hereinafter referred to as "**DBM**";

- and -

The **Department of Education**, a government agency with office address located at Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, represented herein by its Secretary, **HON. JESSI A. LAPUS** hereinafter referred to as "**DepED**";

- and -

The **League of Municipalities in the Philippines**, a government agency with office address located at Ermin Garcia St., Cubao Quezon City, represented herein by its President, **MAYOR RAMON N. GUICO JR.**, hereinafter referred to as "**LMP**";

As so true

J. Lapus

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- and -

The **Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges**, a duly recognized state tertiary higher education association with office address located at 2/f, national Tobacco Administration (NTA) Building, Scout Reyes St., cor. Panay Avenue, Quezon City, represented herein by its President, **DR. LAURO B. TACBAS**, hereinafter referred to as "**PASUC**"

- and -

The **Presidential Management Staff**, a government agency under the **Office of the President, Government of the Republic of the Philippines**, with office address located at the PMS Building, Arlegui St., Malacanang Complex, Manila, represented herein by its Secretary, **HON. HERMOGENES C. ESPERON, JR.** hereinafter referred to as "**PMS**";

WITNESSETH

DR. LAURO B. TACBAS
WHEREAS, as pronounced by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo during the 17th General Assembly of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) held on November 29, 2007, in Cebu City, and as reiterated in her 14 November 2008 Memorandum, there is a need "to make sure that in the government's college scholarship program, the best high school graduate of every municipality will be a recipient and that he/she will be called the 'town scholar' of the municipality, making sure that the best high school graduate this coming graduation will have a college education;"

HERMOGENES C. ESPERON, JR.
WHEREAS, the implementing guidelines governing the administration and operation of the scholarship program shall be issued by CHED;

WHEREAS, to effectively develop and implement the scholarship program, there is a need to define the working relationship between and among agencies involved;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the Parties herein agree, as they hereby agree as follows:

I. Objective

The Parties hereby agree to establish a functional and working relationship in order to develop, implement and ensure efficient and effective delivery of services to the student beneficiaries of the "One Town, One Scholar" Scholarship Program.

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II. Duties and Responsibilities

1. *Commission on Higher Education (CHED)*

- 1.1 Coordinates with pertinent agencies such as the DILG, DepED, OP, PMS, DBM, PASUC, LMP and other entities on a per need basis in developing the Program guidelines;
- 1.2 Allocates fund for the Program from its existing GAA Fund for SY 2009-2010 in the amount of Forty Six Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand (Php46,350,000.00) and include the same in its Annual National Expenditure Program (NEP) onwards for on-going and new grantees;
- 1.3 Prepares and issues the Program's implementing rules and regulations through a CHED Memorandum Order (CMO);
- 1.4 Implements the program through its Regional Offices (ROs);
- 1.5 Maintains database;
- 1.6 Validates the qualifications of the grantees endorsed by the LGU;
- 1.7 Monitors and evaluates the program implementation in the CHEDROs;
- 1.8 Conducts review on the implementation of the Program every after three (3) years and recommends necessary action when needed;
- 1.9 Submit regular updates to the OP-PMS for reporting to the President; and
- 1.10 Conducts public information awareness of the Program.

2. *Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)*

- 2.1 Issues a memorandum order to Municipal Mayors on the implementation of the Program, especially in the selection of the Town Scholar in their municipality; as well as to encourage the LGUs to augment the scholarship benefits (i.e., stipend) of the grantee; and
- 2.2 Conducts public information awareness of the Program.

3. *Department of Budget and Management (DBM)*

- 3.1 Ensures allocation of funds amounting to Php 46,350,000 in CHED's Budget for the Program for SY 2009-2010;
- 3.2 Ensures allocation of new money in CHED's Budget for SY 2010-2011 and onwards as indicated in CHED's Annual NEP; and
- 3.3 Facilitates the yearly and timely release of Program Budget.

4. *Department of Education (DepED)*

- 4.1 Issues an office order to regional offices directing public high schools to open application to the Program to all interested top ten graduating students;
- 4.2 Develops screening and selection process together with the Head of Municipality/Town or authorized representative; and

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4.3 Conducts public information awareness of the Program.

5. *League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP)*

5.1 Ensures that Municipal Mayors are informed regarding developments in the implementation of the Program;

5.2 Represents the Municipal Mayors during the coordination meetings being called by CHED;

5.3 Ensures that Municipality/Town Head or authorized representative develops screening and selection process together with DepEd representative;

5.4 Encourages the municipalities to augment the scholarship benefits (i.e., stipend) of Town Scholars, and

5.5 Conducts public information awareness of the Program.

6. *Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC)*

6.1 Represents the SUCs during the coordination meetings being called by CHED;

6.2 Ensures that all state universities and colleges are informed regarding developments, agreements and issuances in the implementation of the Program; and

6.3 Ensures the provision of free tuition fee by member SUCs through a PASUC Resolution.

7. *Office of the President (OP)-Presidential Management Staff (PMS)*

7.1 Monitors compliance and issues directives as may be necessary for the implementation of this Agreement;

7.2 Receives regular updates from CHED for reporting to the President; and

7.3 Reports to the President on progress of Program.

III. Implementation of the Rules and Regulations on the Availment of Scholarship

Within 30 days from the effectivity of this Agreement, the CHED shall issue the corresponding CHED Memorandum Order for the purpose.

IV. Amendments

The Parties hereto, may, upon mutual consent, amend or modify this Agreement by or through an addendum signed by the Parties, thereafter.


V. Effectivity

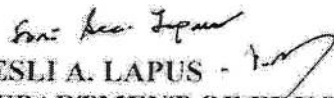
This Agreement shall take effect upon its execution and shall be in full force and effect until the program is terminated for cause.

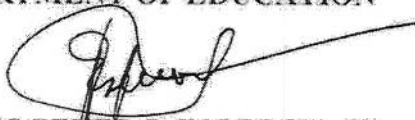
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto signed this Agreement voluntary this day of MAR 04 2009, 2009.


EMMANUEL Y. ANGELES
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION


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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT


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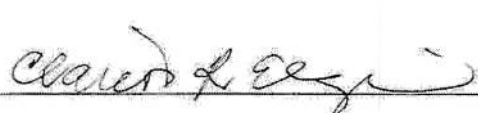
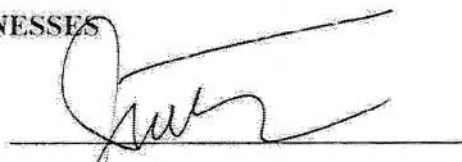

JESLI A. LAPUS - *Sec. Dep. Edu*
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION


HERMOGENES C. ESPERON, JR.
PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT STAFF



RAMON N. GUICO, JR.
LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES


LAURO B. TACBAS
PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION OF STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

WITNESSES

Funds Available: *P46,350,000*
III-9-20 Subject to the release of GAA


VIOLETA B. GALO
Chief-Budget Division

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES) S.S.
 QUEZON CITY)

QUEZON CITY

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, for and in the City of _____ personally appeared

NAME	CTC No.	Issued On	Issued At
Emmanuel Y. Angeles	11193268	1/7/09	Q City
Eduardo R. Soliman Jr.	16819138	2/12/09	Q City
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Hermogenes C. Esperon Jr.	20441131	1/29/09	Mandaluyong City

known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument, signed on each and every page by the parties and their instrumental witnesses. This Memorandum of Agreement consists of () pages, including this page whereon this Acknowledgement is written and the parties acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed, and the institutions respectively represented.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this MAR 04 2009 day of _____, 2009
 at QUEZON CITY, Philippines.

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 ATTY. ROMEO C. CRUZ
 Notary Public for Quezon City
 Until December 31, 2009
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