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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR POOR BUT DESERVING STUDENTS OF
TUGUEGARAO CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution further provides that “the State shall give priority to education, science, and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress and promote total human liberation and development”;

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that “the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all”;

WHEREAS, RA 10533 also known as the “Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013” introduces Grade 11 and Grade 12 to high school education in public and private schools in addition to the Ten (10) –year basic education curriculum;

WHEREAS, that the Tuguegarao City Government currently offers financial aid and educational scholarships, but that it is currently mainly meant for students enrolled in tertiary level alone; and,

WHEREAS, the additional two years of schooling, although beneficial, gives further burden to the students, especially to the poor, discouraging them to enter or complete the newly implemented Senior High School Program;

WHEREAS, there is a need to make Senior High School Program accessible to all students by providing a senior high student financial assistance program for poor but deserving students of Tuguegarao City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tuguegarao City, in session duly assembled, that:

CHAPTER I

SHORT TITLE AND DECLARATION OF POLICY

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as “Senior High Assistance Program (SHAP) Ordinance of Tuguegarao City.”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared to be a policy of Tuguegarao City to uplift the living condition of its less fortunate constituents by providing a financial assistance program for poor but deserving students for them to be given equal chance and opportunity to acquire a senior high school education and to be able to participate in bringing a better society that is progressive, peaceful and successful.

CHAPTER II DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – When used under this Ordinance, the following terms and phrases shall mean as follows:

- a. “DESERVING STUDENTS” shall refer to students with good moral character and who have met all the requirements set forth in this Ordinance;
- b. “FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE” shall refer to the amount of Two Thousand Pesos (P 2000. 00) to be given by Tuguegarao City Government annually to the grantees of this program;
- c. “MORAL TURPITUDE” shall refer to a gross violation of standards of moral conduct;
- e. “POOR” shall refer to a student who belongs to a family whose gross annual income does not exceed One Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand Pesos (P168,000.00);
- f. “SHAP” shall refer to Senior High Assistance Program; and,
- g. “SEMESTER” shall refer to two equal periods that make up an academic year at school.

CHAPTER III SENIOR HIGH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHAP)

SECTION 4. PROGRAM. The Tuguegarao City Government shall offer financial assistance to poor but deserving senior high school students in the City. The program is open to all Senior High Students in any Public or Private Schools within Tuguegarao City.

The Tuguegarao City Government shall initially open Three Hundred (300) slots for the said program, One Hundred Fifty (150) slots for grade 11 students and One Hundred Fifty (150) slots for grade 12 students. Each grantee shall be given the amount of Two Thousand Pesos (P 2,000.00) annually.

CHAPTER IV SCREENING AND APPLICATIONS

SECTION 5. SECRETARIAT. There shall be a secretariat who shall be responsible in screening and selecting the applicants for this program. The members of the Secretariat shall be designated by the City Mayor.

CHAPTER V QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICATIONS

SECTION 6. QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE SENIOR HIGH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHAP).

In order to qualify for the Senior High Assistance Program (SHAP), the applicant must conform with the following requirements, to wit:

- a. The applicant must be a bonafide resident of Tuguegarao City.
- b. The applicant must have the aptitude, willingness and diligence to finish his/ her studies.
- c. The applicant must be of good moral character as certified by the Punong Barangay where the applicant actually resides or the school where the applicant is currently enrolled.

CHAPTER VI SENIOR HIGH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHAP) REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 7. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION OF SENIOR HIGH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHAP).

Any student who wishes to apply shall upon application submit the following requirements:

- a. A certified copy of his/her birth certificate.
- b. A photocopy of his/her latest school registration and report card.
- c. A copy of parents income tax return (ITR) for the preceding year or if married, the applicant's ITR or if none, a certification to that effect issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.
- d. Barangay clearance

SECTION 8. REQUIREMENTS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE SENIOR HIGH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHAP).

- a. The grantee shall enroll immediately at the school year following the award of the financial assistance.
- b. The grantee shall complete the duration of the whole school year.
- c. A grantee of the SHAP shall maintain an average grade of 83% without any failing grade in any subject during the semester and until such time that the grantee finishes the senior high school program.

CHAPTER VII DISQUALIFICATIONS FROM THE SENIOR HIGH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHAP)

SECTION 9. DISQUALIFICATIONS. The grantee by his/her act or omission shall be disqualified from the Senior High Assistance Program (SHAP) on any of the following grounds or reasons:

- a. He/she has failed to meet the required grade as provided in this program.
- b. He/she has willfully misrepresented or withheld vital information relative to his/her SHAP application.
- c. He/she has committed a serious infraction of any of the rules or regulations of the Department of Education.
- d. He/she has discontinued or stopped schooling, unless due to serious illness.
- e. He/she has been charged with an offense involving moral turpitude.

CHAPTER VIII IMPLEMENTATION

SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTATION. This ordinance shall be implemented by the Office of the City Mayor through the Local Youth Development Office which shall form part of the latter's yearly activity and formulate the necessary guidelines and administrative procedures for the effective execution of the SHAP program.

CHAPTER IX APPROPRIATIONS

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATIONS. The budget needed for the implementation of this ordinance shall be appropriated and authorized in the succeeding Annual Budgets. It may also be funded under the supplemental budget of this City for the current year or the succeeding years. Provided further, that in both instances, the appropriation and authorization shall be subject to availability of funds and in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

**CHAPTER X
FINAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and in the event that one or more of the other provisions are held illegal or unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. Ordinances, Executive Orders and other local legislation inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code.