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**DRAFT ORDINANCE EXPANDING THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE
POOR BUT DESERVING STUDENTS OF TUGUEGARAO CITY**

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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, 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, ARTICLE IV, Section 10 (5k) of Republic Act No. 8755, otherwise known as the "Tuguegarao City Charter", provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall establish a scholarship fund for the poor but deserving students in schools located within its jurisdiction or for students residing within the City;

WHEREAS, access to tertiary level of education for many students from Tuguegarao City is almost prohibitive by reason of poverty and very high tuition fee rates resulting to a need to make college education available especially to poor but deserving students;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Tuguegarao envisions to produce and develop multi-talented Tuguegaraoños artists by offering scholarship grant to young talents who will form part of the pool of cultural performers of Tuguegarao City;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to expand Ordinance No. 03-2011, which has already been overtaken by the fast-changing time and therefore needs to be re-structured and revitalized to be responsive to the needs of our constituents; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED by the Tenth City Council of Tuguegarao in session assembled, to enact:

CHAPTER 1
SHORT TITLE AND DECLARATION OF POLICY

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Tuguegarao City Expanded Scholarship Ordinance (TESO) of 2025**"

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 scholarship program for poor but deserving students for them to be given equal chance and opportunity to acquire a college 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. **"AVERAGE GRADE"** shall refer to the total grade of a student which is obtained by adding the grades of the student in each subject and dividing it by the total number of subjects the student enrolled for an entire semester;
- b. **"CITY"** shall refer to Tuguegarao City covering all the areas within its territorial jurisdiction as provided for by law and its charter;
- c. **"CITY GOVERNMENT"** shall refer to the Tuguegarao City Government;
- d. **"COMELEC"** shall refer to Commission on Elections;
- e. **"DESERVING STUDENTS"** shall refer to students with good moral character and who have met the required average grade for the scholarship programs of the City as set forth in this Ordinance;
- f. **"EXCEPTIONAL SCHOLASTIC PERFORMANCE"** shall refer to being a student with good moral character who has graduated as one of the top 10 students of his/her graduating class and has met the required average grade of 90% or its equivalent;
- g. **"IBANAG"** shall refer to the local dialect, the people and the culture of Tuguegarao City;
- h. **"ICA"** shall refer to Ibanag Culture and the Arts;
- i. **"MORAL TURPITUDE"** shall refer to a gross violation of standards of moral conduct;
- j. **"POOR"** shall refer to a student who belongs to a family whose gross annual income does not exceed P253, 440.00;
- k. **"SCHOLARSHIP"** shall refer to the grant of financial aid awarded to a student, as for the purpose of attending college.

CHAPTER III SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SECTION 4. The City Government of Tuguegarao shall offer to poor but deserving students of the City the following scholarship:

- a. **ACADEMIC (Acad) SCHOLARSHIP-** The academic scholarship is intended to give financial assistance for the education of poor but deserving college students who excel scholastically. The City Government shall award 125 slots for the said scholarship per school year. Each grantee is entitled to receive SIX THOUSAND PESOS (P6,000.00), per semester.

The scholarship grant shall be for a four or five-year tertiary course in any College or University within the city. However, if the desired degree or course of the grantee is not offered in Tuguegarao City, the grantee may enroll in any university or college within the province.

- b. **IBANAG CULTURE AND THE ARTS (ICA) SCHOLARSHIP-** The ICA Scholarship is intended to give financial assistance for the education of poor but deserving college students who are gifted with talents such as singing, dancing, acting and are committed to the promotion of the Ibanag Culture and the Arts. The City Government shall award 25 slots for the said scholarship per school year. Each grantee is likewise entitled to receive SIX THOUSAND PESOS (P6,000.00), per semester.
- c. **TUGUEGARAO SPORTS DEVELOPMENT (TSD) SCHOLARSHIP-** The TSD is intended to give financial assistance to poor but deserving students who exemplify excellent athletic performance in sports. The City Government shall award 25 slots for the said scholarship per school year. Each grantee is likewise entitled to receive SIX THOUSAND PERSOS (P6,000.00), per semester.
- d. **TUGUEGARAO OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER (TOA) SCHOLARSHIP-** The TOA scholarship is intended to give financial assistance to poor but deserving students who exemplify highly exceptional scholastic performance, have graduated as one of the top 10 students of his/her graduating class and intends to pursue a degree not offered in Tuguegarao City, in any college or university in the Philippines. The City Government shall award 5 slots for the said scholarship per school year. Under this scholarship program, the City Government shall pay the tuition fee and miscellaneous expenses that will be incurred by the grantee in his/ her school. The amount shall be payable to the school where the grantee has enrolled upon submission of a valid assessment form duly certified by the school registrar.

CHAPTER IV. CITY SCHOLARSHIP BOARD

SECTION 5. COMPOSITION. There is hereby created a City Scholarship Board, responsible in screening and selecting the applicants for the scholarship programs and to be composed of the following:

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| Chairperson | : | City Mayor |
| Vice- Chairperson | : | City Vice Mayor |
| Members | : | Chairperson, Committee on Education |
| | : | City Administrator |
| | : | Local Youth Development Officer (LYDO) |
| | : | City Budget Officer |
| | : | City Treasurer |

5.1. SECRETARIAT. The mayor shall designate the members of the Secretariat who shall assist the City Scholarship Board in the conduct of screening and selecting of applicants of the scholarship program.

CHAPTER V

CHAPTER V QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS

SECTION 6. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANT. In order to qualify for the City Academic Scholarship Program, the applicant must conform with the following requirements, to wit:

- a. The applicant must be a bona fide resident of Tuguegarao City.
- b. The applicant must be of good moral character as certified by the school where the applicant has graduated from high school.
- c. The applicant must be a freshman upon enrollment in college and with a general average of 85% in the report card.
- d. The applicant must not belong to a family whose gross annual income is over P253, 440.00.
- e. The applicant must not be a holder of any other scholarship grant.
- f. The applicant must pass the qualifying examination to be administered by the City Government.

SECTION 7. QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE IBANAG CULTURE AND THE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP GRANT. In order to qualify for the ICA scholarship program, the applicant must conform with the following requirements, to wit:

- a. The applicant must be a resident of Tuguegarao City and able to speak any of the three dialects (Ibanag, Ilocano, and Itawes).
- b. The applicant must be of good moral character as certified by the school where the applicant has graduated from high school.
- c. The applicant must be a freshman upon enrollment in college and with a general average of 80% in the report card.
- d. The applicant can sing, dance, act or play any musical instruments.
- e. The applicant must possess dedication to the arts and is willing to undergo training.
- f. The applicant must not belong to a family whose gross annual income is over P253, 440.00.
- g. The applicant must not be a holder of any other scholarship grant.
- h. The applicant must pass the screening to be administered by the City Government.

SECTION 8. QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP GRANT. In order to qualify for the TSD scholarship program, the applicant must conform with the following requirements, to wit:

- a. The applicant must be a bona fide resident of Tuguegarao City.
- b. The applicant must be of good moral character as certified by the school where the applicant has graduated from high school.

c. The applicant must be a freshman upon enrollment in college and with a general average of 80% in the report card.

e. The applicant must possess one field of sports and is willing to undergo training.

f. The applicant must not belong to a family whose gross annual income is over P253, 440.00

g. The applicant must not be a holder of any other scholarship grant.

h. The applicant must pass the screening to be administered by the City Government.

SECTION 9. QUALIFICATIONS FOR TUGUEGARAO OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER SCHOLARSHIP GRANT. In order to qualify for the Tuguegarao Outstanding Achiever Scholarship Program, the applicant must conform with the following requirements, to wit:

a. The applicant must be a bona fide resident of Tuguegarao City.

b. The applicant must be of good moral character as certified by the school where the applicant has graduated from high school.

c. The applicant must be a freshman upon enrollment in college with a general average of 90% in the report card.

d. The applicant must have graduated as one of the top 10 students of his/ her graduating class.

e. The applicant must not belong to a family whose gross annual income is over P253, 440.00

f. The applicant must not be a holder of any other scholarship grant.

g. The applicant must pass the qualifying examination to be administered by the City Government.

CHAPTER VI DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 10. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP. Any person who is qualified and who wish to apply shall upon application submit the following requirements:

a. A Photocopy of his/ her Fourth Year High School Card or Form 138.

b. A certified copy of his/ her birth certificate.

c. A copy of parents income tax return for the preceding year or if none, a certification to that effect issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

d. COMELEC certificate of voter's registration of both parents. If the applicant is of voting age, he/ she must submit a voter's Identification Card

e. Barangay Clearance.

- f. Police Clearance.
- g. School Registration or valid Assessment Form.
- h. An undertaking that the applicant is not a grantee of any scholarship or study grant.

SECTION 11. REQUIREMENTS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

- a. The grantee shall enroll immediately at the opening of the school year before the award of the scholarship grant.
- b. The grantee shall carry a full semestral load as provided for in the course curriculum of the admitting school.
- c. The grantee shall finish his/her course within the prescribed course duration.
- d. A grantee of the Academic Scholarship shall maintain an average grade of 83% or its equivalent and shall not incur a grade below 80% in any of his/her subject during the semester. However, if the applicant failed to obtain the required average grade, he/she is given the succeeding semester to meet the prescribed average grade. If the grantee fails to meet this requirement, he/she shall be disqualified to avail of such educational assistance.
- e. A grantee of the ICA Scholarship shall maintain an average grade of 80% or its equivalent and shall not incur any grade below 75% in any of his/ her subject during the semester. Furthermore, the grantee shall attend regular trainings to enhance his/ her talents and to perform during special events of the City Government. If the grantee fails to meet these requirements, he/ she shall be disqualified to avail of such educational assistance.
- f. A grantee of the TSD Scholarship shall maintain an average grade of 80% or its equivalent and shall not incur any grade below 75% in any of his/ her subject during the semester. Furthermore, the grantee shall attend regular trainings to enhance his/ her skills in sports and to train sports enthusiasts in the City at least once every quarter. If the grantee fails to meet these requirements, he/ she shall be disqualified to avail of such educational assistance.
- g. A grantee of the TOA scholarship shall maintain an average grade of 90% or its equivalent and shall not incur a grade below 85% in any of his/ her subject during the semester. If the grantee fails to meet the prescribed grade, he/ she shall be disqualified to avail of such educational assistance.

CHAPTER VII DISQUALIFICATIONS FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SECTION 12. DISQUALIFICATIONS. The grantee by his/ her act or omission shall be disqualified from the Scholarship Program on any of the following grounds or reasons:

- a. The grantee has failed to meet the required grade as provided in this scholarship program.
- b. The grantee has willfully misrepresented or withheld vital information relative to his/ her scholarship application.
- c. The grantee commits a serious infraction of any of the rules or regulations of the school where he/she is enrolled, giving cause for his/ her suspension.

- d. The grantee discontinuous or stops schooling, unless due to serious illness.
- e. The grantee has dropped or failed one subject in the preceding semester.
- f. The grantee have been charged with an offense involving moral turpitude.

CHAPTER VIII APPROPRIATIONS

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATIONS. The initial amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Ordinance shall be appropriated in the next 2025 Supplemental Budget of Tuguegarao City.

CHAPTER IX FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 14. 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 15. REPEALING CLAUSE. Ordinances, executive orders and other local legislation inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code.