

A DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING 'THE TUGUEGARAO CITY NURSING AND DOCTOR OF MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS', ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE RETURN SERVICE PROGRAM AND REFINING QUALIFICATIONS, SELECTION, AND RENEWAL PROCEDURES.

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WHEREAS, Republic Act 7160 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations specifically provide that among the powers of the Sangguniang Panlungsod is to establish a scholarship fund for deserving students in schools located within its jurisdiction or for students residing within the City;

WHEREAS, the Tuguegarao City Government has been extending various scholarship programs to students of Tuguegarao City such as the Academic (Acad) Scholarship, the Ibanag Culture and the Arts (ICA) Scholarship, the Tuguegarao Outstanding Achiever (TOA) Scholarship and the Student Financial Assistance Program (SFAP);

WHEREAS, City Ordinance No. 43-08-2021 entitled "An Ordinance Establishing The Tuguegarao City Nursing And Doctor Of Medicine Scholarship Programs And Providing Funds Thereof" was duly established by the Sanggunian to augment the existing scholarship programs of the city in response to the healthcare crisis during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, The committee chairperson of Youth and Sports Development, Hon. Cerene Pearl T. Quilang, sees the need to amend the provisions of the aforementioned ordinance to update and provide for guidelines in response to the challenges arising before execution of the said program, ensuring its continuity and compliance;

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance Amending 'The Tuguegarao City Nursing And Doctor Of Medicine Scholarship Programs', Establishing Guidelines For The Return Service Program And Refining Qualifications, Selection, And Renewal Procedures.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS. Section 3, Section 5, Section 6, Section 8 and Section 9 of Ordinance No. 43-08-2021 shall be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 3. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The Tuguegarao City Government shall offer to less fortunate but deserving students of the City the following scholarships:

- a. **NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** — 'The Nursing Scholarship Program is intended to give financial assistance to students who wish to pursue a degree in Nursing. The Tuguegarao City Government shall award four (4) slots per college

year level, amounting to sixteen (16) slots per full academic batch. The qualifying examination shall be conducted before the start of every academic year by the City Government to first year students in which the slots shall be chosen from the top four (4) applicants.

- b. DOCTOR OF MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM — The Medicine Scholarship Program is intended to give financial assistance to graduates of any Medical course who wish to study Doctor of Medicine. The Tuguegarao City Government shall award two (2) slots per year level, amounting to eight (8) slots per full academic batch. The qualifying examination shall be conducted before the start of every academic year by the City Government to first year students in which the slots shall be chosen from the top two (2) applicants.

SECTION 5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS. The financial assistance to the grantee shall cover one (1) academic year but he/she shall renew his/her application for scholarship every semester until he/she shall have completed the degree, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The grantee must meet the conditions of selection through the qualifying examination.
- b. The grantee shall not incur a grade below 80% in any of his/her subjects during the term of the grant. Failure to meet the prescribed grade shall disqualify the grantee to avail of the financial assistance;
- c. The grantee shall carry a full semester load as provided in the course curriculum of the admitting school;
- d. The grantee shall finish his/her course within the prescribed course duration;
- e. The grantee must be enrolled in any College or University within the jurisdiction of the City and neighboring LGUs in Cagayan Valley;
- f. Only one member of the family can avail of this grant at any one time;
- g. The grantee must enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Tuguegarao City Government to render a return service obligation.

SECTION 6. QUALIFICATIONS. In order to qualify for the grant of Scholarship, the applicants must conform with the following requirements:

6.1 NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- a) Must be a citizen of the Philippines;
- b) Must be a bonafide resident domiciled in Tuguegarao City, and a member of the Katipunan ng Kabataan of a barangay;
- c) Must be a freshman upon application;
- d) Applicant must be of good moral character as certified by the School where the applicant has graduated from senior high school;

- e) Applicant must not belong to a family whose gross annual income is over One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand and Four Hundred Seventy-Six Pesos (166,476.00);
- f) Applicant must not be a grantee of any other scholarship grant;
- g) Applicant must pass the qualifying examination to be administered by the Tuguegarao City Government.

6.2 DOCTOR OF MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- a) Must be a citizen of the Philippines
- b) Must be a bonafide resident domiciled in Tuguegarao City;
- c) Must be a freshman upon enrollment;
- d) Must be a holder of a Bachelor's Degree in any Allied Health Sciences;
- e) Must pass the National Medical Admission Test (NMAT) with a rating of eighty percent (80%)
- f) Applicant must be of good moral character as certified by the school where the applicant has graduated from college;
- g) Applicant must not belong to a family whose gross annual income is over One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand and Four Hundred Seventy-Six Pesos (166,476.00);
- h) Applicant must not be a grantee of any other scholarship grant;
- i) Applicant must pass the qualifying examination to be administered by the Tuguegarao City Government.

The Local Scholarship Board shall verify the documentary requirements submitted by the applicants and identify who shall be eligible to take the qualifying examination.

SECTION 8. RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANT. To continue the benefit under this program, the grantee shall submit the following documentary requirements:

- a. Updated Barangay Clearance
- b. Updated Police Clearance
- c. Updated NBI Clearance
- d. Updated Certificate of No Pending Case
- e. Assessment of payment due for the semester from the school registrar
- f. Certification from the registrar that the grantee has no failing or incomplete grade and that he/she obtained a grade not below 80% in all subjects

SECTION 9. SERVICE OBLIGATION. All scholars under this program who have graduated and fully enjoyed the benefits provided herein shall be required to render service to the Tuguegarao City Government for fifty (50) hours per year availed, amounting to two hundred (200) hours for a full term availed under the program. Upon successfully passing the licensure examinations, scholars shall be deployed in barangay health centers under the discretion of the City Mayor through the City

Health Office. The scholars may be given honorarium subjected to the availability of funds of the City Government.

In cases of a grantee being disqualified from the scholarship program but have previously availed the benefits, this ordinance shall require them to complete an equivalent of fifty (50) hours volunteer work per year availed, sanctioned by the City Mayor through the City Health Office.

Scholars who will fail to renew the required service obligation shall return the amount provided through the scholarship program within five years upon graduation or termination from the scholarship program.

The individual Memorandum of Agreement shall be executed upon the approval of the scholarship grant

SECTION 3. APROPRIATIONS. The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Ordinance shall be appropriated in the Annual Budget of Tuguegarao City subject to the approved Program of Work.

SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES. The Executive Department shall formulate implementing procedures relative to the implementation of the ordinance, including the crafting of the qualifying examinations and the provisions included in the Memorandum of Agreement.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain and continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any resolution or ordinance or part thereof not consistent with the provision of this ordinance is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the upholding of its validity by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and the eventual fifteen (15) days publication thereafter.



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN
City of Tuguegarao
EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 91st REGULAR SESSION
OF THE EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN
HELD ON JUNE 15, 2021, 9:00 A.M., TUESDAY,
AT THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II	City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Gilbert S. Labang	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Danilo L. Baccay	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Ronaldo S. Ortiz	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Arnel T. Arugay	-do-
Hon. Mary Marjorie P. Martin-Chan	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Winnoco R. Abraham	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Grace B. Arago	-do-
Hon. Raymund P. Guzman	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Karina S. Gauani	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Gil G. Pagulayan	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (Ex Officio Member)
Hon. Karen L. Taguinod	-do-

ABSENT:

Hon. Maila Rosario T. Que	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Victor V. Perez	-do-

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 43-08-2021

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TUGUEGARAO CITY NURSING AND DOCTOR OF
MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF**

Sponsors: Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II
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WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine 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, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 (RA 7160), otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that “Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom as well as power necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare.”;



WHEREAS, RA 7160 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations specifically provide that among the powers of the Sangguniang Panlungsod is to establish a scholarship fund for deserving students in schools located within its jurisdiction or for students residing within the City;

WHEREAS, the Tuguegarao City Government has been extending various scholarship programs to students of Tuguegarao City such as the Academic (Acad) Scholarship, the Ibanag Culture and the Arts (ICA) Scholarship, the Tuguegarao Outstanding Achiever (TOA) Scholarship and the Student Financial Assistance Program (SFAP);

WHEREAS, the Tuguegarao City Government recognizes the need to make college education available especially to less fortunate but deserving students;

WHEREAS, in 2019, prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Human Resource for Health Network (HRHN), an inter-agency policy and program support network led by the Department of Health (DOH), estimated a shortage of about 290,000 health workers in the country;

WHEREAS, the data from the World Health Organization (WHO) show that there are six (6) medical doctors per 10,000 population;

WHEREAS, Philippines has the second highest COVID-19 outbreak in Southeast Asia making the country's health system overwhelmed;

WHEREAS, the increasing number of Covid-19 positive cases in the country implies the need for more healthcare workers;

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tuguegarao City People's General Hospital (TCPGH) and the City Health Office (CHO) experienced dearth of healthcare workers particularly doctors and nurses;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the Tuguegarao City Government to augment the healthcare workers in the City, hence, the enactment of this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the Eight City Council in session assembled, to enact:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as *"Tuguegarao City Nursing and Doctor in Medicine Scholarship Programs."*

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. When used under this Ordinance, the following terms and phrases shall mean as follows:

- a. **GRANTEE** – shall refer to students who have been qualified for the scholarship grant.
- b. **SCHOLARSHIP** – shall refer to the grant of educational assistance awarded to a student.
- c. **GRANT** – shall refer to the amount given to the student for the purpose of his/her scholarship.
- d. **CITY** – shall refer to Tuguegarao City covering all the areas within its territorial jurisdiction as provided for by law.
- e. **MORAL TURPITUDE** – shall refer to a gross violation of standards of moral conduct.
- f. **LESS FORTUNATE** – shall refer to students who belong to a family whose gross monthly income does not exceed P10, 481.00 (based on 2019 PSA Poverty Threshold).

SECTION 3. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The Tuguegarao City Government shall offer to less fortunate but deserving students of the City the following scholarships:

- a. **NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** – The Nursing Scholarship Program is intended to give financial assistance to students who wish to pursue a degree in Nursing. The Tuguegarao City Government shall award fifteen (15) slots for the said scholarship every after four (4) years. The fifteen (15) slots shall come from the top fifteen (15) applicants in the qualifying examination to be conducted by the City Government.
- b. **DOCTOR OF MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** – The Medicine Scholarship Program is intended to give financial assistance to graduates of any Medical course who wish to study Doctor of Medicine. The Tuguegarao City Government shall award five (5) slots for the said scholarship



every after four (4) years. The five (5) slots shall come from the top five (5) applicants in the qualifying examination to be conducted by the City Government.

SECTION 4. GRANT. The beneficiaries of the herein scholarship grants are entitled to the full amount in their school assessment or maximum of Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20, 000.00) for Nursing Scholars and Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30, 000.00) for Doctor of Medicine Scholars.

The initial grant of Scholarship shall be awarded to the grantees together with their parents/legal guardian.

SECTION 5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS. The financial assistance to the grantee shall cover one (1) academic year but he/she shall renew his/her application for scholarship every semester until he/she shall have completed the degree, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The grantee shall not incur a grade below 80% in any of his/her subjects during the term of the grant. Failure to meet the prescribed grade shall disqualify the grantee to avail of the financial assistance;
- b. The grantee shall carry a full semester load as provided in the course curriculum of the admitting school;
- c. The grantee shall finish his/her course within the prescribed course duration;
- d. The grantee must be enrolled in any College or University within the jurisdiction of the City and neighboring LGUs;
- e. Only one member of the family can avail of this grant at any one time;
- f. The grantee must enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Tuguegarao City Government to render a service obligation for at least two (2) years to commence after they pass the required Licensure Examination.

SECTION 6. QUALIFICATIONS. In order to qualify for the grant of Scholarship, the applicants must conform with the following requirements:

6.1 NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- a. Must be a citizen of the Philippines
- b. Must be bonafide resident of Tuguegarao City
- c. Must be a freshman upon application
- d. Applicant must be of good moral character as certified by the School where the applicant has graduated from senior high school
- e. Applicant must not belong to a family whose gross annual income is over One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Two Pesos (P125,772.00)
- f. Applicant must not be a grantee of any other scholarship grant
- g. Applicant must pass the qualifying examination to be administered by the Tuguegarao City Government

6.2 DOCTOR OF MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- a. Must be a citizen of the Philippines
- b. Must be bonafide resident of Tuguegarao City
- c. Must be a freshman upon enrollment
- d. Must be a holder of a Bachelor's Degree in any allied health sciences
- e. Must pass the National Medical Admission Test (NMAT)
- f. Applicant must be of good moral character as certified by the school where the applicant has graduated from college
- g. Applicant must not be a grantee of any other scholarship grant
- h. Applicant must pass the qualifying examination to be administered by the Tuguegarao City Government

The Local Scholarship Board shall verify the documentary requirements submitted by the applicants and identify who shall be eligible to take the qualifying examination.

SECTION 7. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS. Any person who is qualified and has passed the qualifying examination shall submit the following requirements:

INITIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION

a. NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



- Accomplished Scholarship Application Form
- Certified Copy of Certificate of Live Birth
- Photocopy of Senior High School Report Card or Form 138
- Certificate of Good Moral Character from the school where the applicant graduated
- Copy of parents' Income Tax Return (ITR) for the preceding year or if none, a certification to that effect issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR)
- COMELEC Certificate of Voter's Registration of both parents. If the applicant is of voting age, he/she must submit a photocopy of his/her voter's Identification Card
- Barangay Clearance and Barangay Indigency Certificate
- Police Clearance
- NBI Clearance
- School Registration or Valid Assessment Form
- Affidavit of Undertaking that the applicant is not a grantee of any scholarship or study grant

b. DOCTOR OF MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- Accomplished Scholarship Application Form
- Certified Copy of Certificate of Live Birth
- Certified Copy of Transcript of Records
- Copy of National Medical Admission Test (NMAT) eligibility
- Certificate of Good Moral Character from the school where the applicant graduated
- Certificate of No Pending Case from the Regular Courts
- Copy of parents' Income Tax Return (ITR) for the preceding year or if none, a certification to that effect issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR)
- COMELEC Certificate of Voter's Registration of both parents. If the applicant is of voting age, he/she must submit a photocopy of his/her voter's Identification Card
- Barangay Clearance and Barangay Indigency Certificate
- Police Clearance
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- School Registration or Valid Assessment Form
- Affidavit of Undertaking that the applicant is not a grantee of any scholarship or study grant

SECTION 8. RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANT. To continue the benefit under this program, the grantee shall submit the following documentary requirements:

- Updated Barangay Clearance
- Updated Police Clearance
- Updated NBI Clearance
- Updated Certificate of No Pending Case
- Assessment of payment due for the semester from the school registrar
- Certification from the registrar that the grantee has no failing or incomplete grade and that he/she obtained a grade not below 85% in all subjects

SECTION 9. SERVICE OBLIGATION. All scholars under this program who have graduated and fully enjoyed the benefits provided herein shall be required to render service to the Tuguegarao City Government for at least two (2) years after they successfully passed their Licensure Examination.

The individual Memorandum of Agreement shall be executed upon the approval of the scholarship grant.

SECTION 10. DISQUALIFICATIONS. The grantee by his/her act or omission shall be disqualified from the Scholarship Program on any of the following grounds or reasons:

- Non-fulfillment of academic requirement
- Failure to meet the required grade as provided in this scholarship program
- The grantee has willfully misrepresented or withheld vital information relative to his/her scholarship application
- Forging or falsification of official grades/records
- The grantee fails to fulfill or terminates the scholarship for any reason

- f. The grantee commits a serious infraction of any of the rules or regulations of the school where the grantee is enrolled giving cause for his/her suspension
- g. The grantee discontinues or stops schooling, unless due to serious illness
- h. The grantee has been charged with an offense involving moral turpitude

SECTION 11. FUNDING. The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Ordinance shall be appropriated in the Annual Budget of Tuguegarao City.

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 unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Ordinances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed accordingly.


SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING:


JOEL JOSEPH L. EGIPTO, Ph.D.
 Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


HON. BIENVENIDO C. DE GUZMAN II
 City Vice Mayor
 Presiding Officer
 Date: _____

APPROVED:


HON. ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO
 City Mayor
 Date: 06-17-21

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