

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-010

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2010-063 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CITY'S TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" BY CORRECTING SOME PROVISIONS AND BY LIBERALIZING THE SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THOSE ENROLLED IN PUBLIC OR STATE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES AS WELL AS BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF AUTOMATIC SCHOLARS FOR PASSERS OF DEPED'S ACCREDITATION AND EQUIVALENCY EXAMINATION.

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SECTION 1. To reflect the true equivalent grade, Section 4, paragraph (e) of Ordinance No. 2010-063, as amended by Ordinance No. 2012-016, is hereby further amended which shall now read as follows:

"Section. 4. Eligibility. Only poor but deserving students enrolled or enrolling in any college or technical vocational courses are eligible for admission to the program. The applicant must be:

- (a) A Filipino citizen and resident of the City of Naga;
- (b) With good moral character and without any derogatory record;
- (c) Not more than twenty five (25) years old at the time of the filing of application, except in the case of persons with disabilities and qualified graduates of the DepEd's Alternative Learning System who should be not more than thirty five (35) years old;
- (d) A high school graduate with 75% percentile rank or above in the National Secondary Achievement Test (NSAT) or at least 80% average with no failing grade in any subject or has not yet completed a tertiary course, except for vocational scholars;
- (e) With weighted average of at least 2.5 or 81% in the last semester in college, if attended any;
- (f) Has passed the entrance examination, if required, of the school where he or she intends to enroll on;

- (g) With parents/guardians having a gross annual income of not more than Php180,000.00; and
- (h) Not presently enjoying any scholarship or study grant.

Provided, that only one (1) member in the family shall be granted scholarship at any given semester or school year. Provided further, that the grantee shall enroll only in the CHED or TESDA accredited school or institute of learning within the city or in a state college or university outside it, save for those already enjoying grants under the current set up. Provided finally, that the grantee has submitted his NCAE result and passed the written examination and personal interview that is conducted under the program.

Should the fund allocation be insufficient to accommodate all applicants in a given period, priority shall be given to those who obtained higher rating in the examination given and administered under the program. Provided, that utmost priority and consideration is given to applicants of families belonging to the City's Sanggawadan Program and the national government's "Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program" or 4Ps.

For those applying for vocational courses, the City Government will try to accommodate all applicants in the program."

SECTION 2. For purposes of scholars enrolled in public or state colleges or universities, Section 5 of Ordinance No. 2010-063, as amended, is hereby further amended especially by inserting a new paragraph thereon with the entire provision, now to read as follows:

"Section 5. Financial Assistance. A scholar who obtains an average rating of at least 2.0 or 87% shall be given scholarship assistance of up to the maximum amount herein provided.

He who obtains an average rating of at least 2.5 or 81% shall be given financial assistance of up to fifty (50%) percent of such maximum amount.

However, the above grade requirement shall not be obliged of a grantee enrolled or enrolling in technical vocational courses. It is enough that he passes his subjects.

Provided, that the scholarship assistance herein granted shall cover only the school's tuition fees, except for enrollees in state colleges or universities and for persons with disabilities wherein other fees shall likewise be covered but not to exceed the maximum amount herein provided in relation to Section 7 hereof.

For on the job training or similar activity involving technical vocational courses, financial assistance of up to Php10,000.00 may still be extended to a grantee.

SECTION 3. Section 6 of Ordinance No. 2010-063, as amended, is hereby further amended now to read as follows:

"Section 6. Scholarship Maintenance. (a) To continue the full benefit under this program, the scholar shall maintain a semestral average of at least 2.0 or 87% without dropping, failing or incomplete grade in any subject. Those who qualified for 75% scholarship grant shall maintain a semestral average of at least 2.2 or 85%.

(b) For others who are likewise given scholarship assistance, they are nonetheless required to maintain a semestral average of at least 2.5 or 81% without dropping, failing or incomplete grade in any subject.

In all cases, the scholar shall:

- (1) Submit official or authenticated copy of final grades or scholastic report card every after end of the semester; It is the scholar and not his/her parent/guardian who should apply for the renewal of the scholarship grant every semester. A letter explaining or justifying one's parent request and its valid attachment, if required, to represent his/her sibling for the renewal of scholarship grant should be submitted for approval by the Naga City Scholars Guild (NCSG) and the Education, Scholarships, & Sports Office (ESSO);
- (2) Respond immediately and appropriately to notification or request from NCSG & ESSO instructing either to report or submit necessary requirement/s (e.g. final/complete report of grades, assessment of fees or statement of account, received copy of scholarship letter/certification duly issued by the Implementing Office, etc.) either sent thru by mail or thru the contact number they have provided;
- (3) Follow-up with or verify from ESSO before the conduct of final examination if his scholarship grant is already paid/settled in the school;
- (4) Have not participated in any offense involving moral turpitude that will destroy his character and reputation as city scholar;
- (5) Have not quit school without prior notice to the City Mayor or the Scholarship Office;

- (6) Have not changed course or transferred to another school without the prior notice and permission of the City Mayor; and
- (7) Have participated in community service and activities of the Scholar's Organization.

Except for the grade requirement, a grantee enrolled in a technical vocational course shall likewise comply with the above conditions."

SECTION 4. Section 7 of Ordinance No. 2010-063, as amended, is hereby further amended, now to read as follows:

"Section 7. Grant Terms. The amount granted to a scholar shall be subject to the following terms and conditions, to wit:

- (a) **Amount** - The maximum amount that may be granted under this program shall be Eighteen Thousand Pesos (Php18,000.00) per semester to cover tuition fees which shall be payable directly to the school where the scholar is enrolled. Provided, that the additional sum of up to Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) per semester may be granted to a scholar who belongs to the poorest of the poor, the persons with disabilities and/or their children and the children of solo parents.
- (b) **Interest** - The amount granted shall bear no interest, save only when the grantee fails to pay it as provided in Section 10 hereof. In case of such failure, the amount shall bear interest of five (5%) percent per annum.
- (c) **Current Scholars** - Discretion is given to the City Mayor whether or not current scholars are immediately placed under this new set up. For incoming scholars, they shall be instantly covered thereof.

The City Government of Naga shall prioritize and/or assist the graduate scholars in obtaining gainful employment either in the City Government itself or in any agency or entity, whether public or private. In this regard, the Metro PESO is hereby directed to undertake measures to ensure that this particular provision is carried out."

SECTION 5. Section 8 of Ordinance No. 2010-063, as amended, is hereby further amended, now to read as follows:

"Section 8. Availment Procedure. (a) **Submission of Requirements.** The applicant must fill up the prescribed application form and must submit the following documents, to wit:

- (1) Latest BIR Income Tax Return (ITR) of applicant's parents/guardians;
- (2) An affidavit of applicant's parents/guardians stating the reason for not filing the Income Tax Return (ITR), if the above first requirement is not applicable;
- (3) High School Report Card (Form 138) for incoming freshman;
- (4) National College Assessment Examination (NCAE) result;
- (5) Official enrolment certificate and statement of accounts for those with college units;
- (6) Official report of ratings or certificate of grades for the last semester attended issued by the school registrar/dean, with an average of not lower than 2.5 or 81% for those with college units.

(b) **Examination** - Applicants who passed the initial qualification requirements shall still be required to take a written examination to determine final qualification and prioritization based on test results. The examination shall be administered by the Implementing Office on a given date.

(c) **Interview** - An interview shall be conducted by the Implementing Office to determine compliance with the requirements herein set forth and the applicant's willingness to abide by the terms and conditions of the program.

(d) **Notice** - Applicants who qualified under this Program shall be immediately notified thereof.

(e) **Contract Signing** - Scholarship Agreement shall be executed by and between the city and the grantee with the latter, if still a minor, being assisted by his parents or guardian, indicating therein the terms and conditions of the program, requirement for scholarship maintenance, the undertaking to comply with the obligations set forth in Section 10 hereof and such provisions necessary and in furtherance of the objectives of the program.

(f) **Payment** - Payment shall be made directly to the school where the scholar is enrolled."

SECTION 6. Section 9 of Ordinance No. 2010-063, as amended, is hereby further amended by increasing the number of automatic scholars for passers of the DepEd's Alternative Learning System Accreditation and Equivalency Examination with the entire provision, now to read as follows:

"Section 9. **Automatic Scholars.** The top three (3) or the Valediction, Salutatorian and the First Honorable Mention of the graduating class of any of the public high schools in the city shall receive a scholarship assistance without taking the required qualifying examination in the manner herein provided, to wit:

- (a) Full Scholarship - for the Valedictorian or Rank 1 student who may hereinafter be known as a Mayoral Scholar;
- (b) Partial Scholarship equivalent to Seventy Five percent (75%) of the Scholarship Assistance - for the Salutatorian or Rank 2 student who may hereinafter be known as a Vice-Mayoral Scholar; and
- (c) Partial Scholarship equivalent to Fifty percent (50%) of the Scholarship Assistance - for the First Honorable Mention or Rank 3 student who may hereinafter be known as a Councilors' Scholar.

Provided, that the top ten (10) passers of the Department of Education's Alternative Learning System Accreditation and Equivalency Examination shall be entitled to the scholarship assistance provided under paragraph a hereof, and the succeeding ten (10) more passers under paragraph c hereof.

Provided further, that the scholar has nonetheless complied with the eligibility requirements provided under Section 4 hereof and the scholarship maintenance requirement provided under Section 6 hereof in order to enjoy the full benefit under the program."

SECTION 7. A new provision is added after Section 9 to become Section 10 which shall read as follows:

"Section 10. **Scholarship Assistance to Special Sectors.** Subject to compliance with the eligibility requirements herein provided, at least ten (10%) percent of every batch of incoming scholars shall come from the ranks of the children of indigent solo parents. The same percentage is allocated to persons with disabilities."

SECTION 8. Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of the same ordinance are hereby re-numbered to become Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, respectively.

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SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its approval except with respect to Section 5 hereof, as amended, which shall have a retroactive effect to, and therefore shall cover, the second semester of the school year 2012-2013.

ENACTED: March 5, 2013.

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

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