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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 120TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 17TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF DAVAO ORIENTAL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024, AT THE CITY OF MATI, THIS PROVINCE.

PRESENT:

Regular Members:

District I

Hon. Anna Cheryl N. Castro
 Hon. Marietta D. Palmera
 Hon. Andy A. Monday
 Hon. Michelle M. Centeno

District II

Hon. Shella Marie S. Go
 Hon. Harold A. Montes
 Hon. Rotchie M. Ravelo
 Hon. Daud V. Linsag – Temporary
 Presiding Officer

Ex-Officio Members:

Hon. Jossone Michael G. Dayanghirang President, Liga Ng Mga Barangay (LNB)
 Davao Oriental Chapter
 Hon. Eleuterio C. Manaytay Indigenous Peoples Mandatory
 Representative (IPMR)

ABSENT:

Hon. Nelson R. Dayanghirang, Jr. Vice Governor
 Hon. Art Benjie C. Bulaong SP Member, District I
 Hon. Stephen Paul L. Uy SP Member, District II – OB – City of
 Mati
 Hon. Joselito B. Villademoso President, Philippine Councilors League
 (PCL) - Davao Oriental Chapter
 Hon. Shanine C. Lintogonan Sangguniang Kabataan Provincial
 Federation President (SKPFP)

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 17-40-10-2024

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 Sponsor : Hon. Rotchie M. Ravelo

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE AGRISTUDYANTE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR LOCAL YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to provide quality education at all levels and make such education accessible to all;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall: (1) establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society; and (2) establish and maintain a system of scholarship grants, student loan programs, subsidies, and other incentives which shall be available to deserving students in both public and private schools, especially to the underprivileged;

WHEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Rotchie M. Ravelo, duly and jointly seconded by SP Members Harold A. Montes, Anna Cheryl N. Castro, Jossone Michael G. Dayanghirang, Eleuterio C. Manaytay, and Andy A. Monday, it was

Be it ordained by the 17TH Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Davao Oriental in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This ordinance shall be known as "**AGRISTUDYANTE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**" of Davao Oriental.

SECTION 2. Objectives. - This Scholarship Program aims to:

- a) Promote and uphold the right to education of the poor and underprivileged in the agriculture sector;
- b) Provide financial support to the poor but deserving students enrolled in agriculture college courses; and
- c) Help in the alleviation of poverty of families in the agriculture sector.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. - For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms used shall be defined as:

- a) Accredited Partner Educational Institution - school willing to admit PLGU scholars under agreed terms and conditions.
- b) Living Allowance – a financial assistance in the amount of P5,000.00 per month during regular academic years
- c) Scholarship Grant – an educational assistance offered to students taking up College Degree courses in Agriculture.

SECTION 4. Scope. - The Scholarship Grant shall cover indigent but deserving students residing in Davao Oriental. Among whom are incoming college freshmen students and those presently enrolled in the accredited partner educational institutions who meet the qualifications provided in this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Scholarship Assessment Board. - There is hereby created a Scholarship Assessment Board which shall be composed of the following:

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| a) Provincial Governor | - | Chairperson |
| b) Provincial Vice-Governor | - | Vice Chairperson |
| c) Chairperson of SP Committee on Agriculture | - | Member |
| d) Chairperson, SP Committee on Education | - | Member |
| e) Schools Division Superintendent, DepEd Davao Oriental – | - | Member |
| f) Schools Division Superintendent – Mati Division | - | Member |
| g) From Higher Education | - | Member |
| h) From Technical-Vocational school | - | Member |
| i) From other farm schools | - | Member |
| j) Provincial Agriculturist | - | Member |
| Program Focal Person and Head of Management Unit | | |
| k) Head of the Agri-Fishery Industry Division of PAGRO – | - | Head of Secretariat |

Whereas, a permanent alternate may be assigned by each regular member to hear related discussions, deliberate points and vote on decisions in behalf of the regular member he/she represents;

SECTION 6. Functions. - The Scholarship Assessment Board shall have the following functions:

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- a) Determine the number of scholars to be accommodated in the succeeding school year;
- b) Determine the amount of fund to be appropriated for the operation and implementation of this program for the succeeding fiscal year;
- c) Approve the college or university where the scholars may study;
- d) Determine other benefits that may be enjoyed by scholars;
- e) Approve the result of the official ranking of students;
- f) Oversee and monitor the grantees' scholastic progress and their management of the fund;
- g) Settle disputes/complaints of grantees regarding their scholarship;
- h) Perform such other functions as necessary to the achievement of the objectives of the program; and
- i) Meet at least twice a year, preferably two (2) months prior to the usual start of the semester of accredited partner educational institutions.

SECTION 7. The Scholarship Program Management Unit. -The Provincial Agriculturist shall serve as the program focal person and head of scholarship management unit with the Head of the Agri-Fishery Industry Development Division as Head of Secretariat to assume the following duties and functions:

- a) Disseminate the scholarship program throughout the province;
- b) Receive, pre-assess and process the applications for the Scholarship Program;
- c) Handle the posting of the official list of qualified scholars; and
- d) Prepare and process the Memorandum of Agreement for the scholarship arrangements between the province and the accredited schools;

SECTION 8. Qualifications. -To avail of this Scholarship Program, applicants must possess the following qualifications:

- a) Must be a Filipino citizen;
- b) Must be an agriculture practitioner duly registered with any of the National Registry Systems in agriculture;
- c) Must be a bona fide resident of Davao Oriental for at least three (3) years, and at least one (1) year in the barangay currently residing in prior to the start of the school year;
- d) Must be a registered voter in Davao Oriental, or for those who are not of legal age, any one of the parents/guardians must be a registered voter in Davao Oriental;
- e) Combined gross annual income of parents or combined family income must not exceed P120,000.00;
- f) Must be of good moral character;
- g) Must not be a recipient or grantee of any scholarship or any other educational financial assistance;
- h) Must not be a graduate of any degree;
- i) Must have a general weighted average of at least 80 % or its equivalent from the last school attended; and
- j) Physically, mentally and emotionally fit as certified by the Municipal Health Officer.

SECTION 9. Documentary Requirements. - Applicants must submit the following requirements;

- a) Duly accomplished Scholarship Application Form;
- b) Form 138 (photocopy signed by the Principal), or its equivalent form from the last school attended;

- c) Certificate of Good Moral Character from the last school attended;
- d) Barangay Certification as to the applicant's residency,
- e) Voter's Certificate (or for those who are not of legal age, any one of the parents);
- f) Certification of Indigency issued by the barangay; and
- g) Medical Certificate issued by the Municipal Health Officer.

SECTION 10. Conditions. -The recipients of the scholarship grant under this program shall comply with the following conditions:

- a) Carry a full semestral/trimestral load as prescribed in the course curriculum and finish within the normal duration of the course;
- b) May transfer only in the participating Higher Education Institutions or may shift only in priority courses upon approval of the Scholarship Board;
- c) Except for meritorious reasons, no grantee shall be allowed to defer enrolment during the semester/trimester;
- d) Maintain satisfactory academic performance or a general weighted average (GWA) of at least eighty percent (80%) or its equivalent, in accordance with the policies and standards of the school and the scholarship program;
- e) Must not have a failing grade or incomplete grade in any of the enrolled subjects;
- f) The Scholarship Board shall decide on the status of the grantee with special concerns;
- g) Must perform a mandatory 2-months on-the-job training at any of the following offices the schedule of which shall be determined by the Scholarship Board:
 - 1) Provincial Agriculture Office
 - 2) Provincial Veterinary Office
 - 3) Municipal Agriculture Office
 - 4) Department of Agriculture Local Center for Research
- h) Comply with all other conditions as the Scholarship Board and the School may prescribe.

SECTION 11. Ranking and Quota System. -Students who apply for the Scholarship Program shall be ranked based on combined family income as provided for under this Ordinance. The number of slots for scholars shall be determined by the Scholarship Board.

SECTION 12. Limitations. - Only one member of the immediate family can avail of the Scholarship grant.

SECTION 13. A Memorandum of Agreement embodying all the conditions of this Scholarship Grant shall be signed by the qualified scholars of the Provincial Government. A separate Memorandum of Agreement shall be signed by the Provincial Government of Davao Oriental with the selected and accredited partner educational institutions embodying all the conditions of this Scholarship Grant.

SECTION 14. Payment of Scholastic Fees. - Scholarship grant in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) per semester or trimester shall be paid by the Provincial Government according to the following expense items:

- a) Boarding house - paid directly to the landlord/s
- b) Food allowance - paid directly to the scholar
- c) Transportation allowance - paid directly to the scholar

The determination or adjustment of the amount of grant shall be left to the sound discretion of the Scholarship Board.

SECTION 16. FUNDING. Funds necessary for the operation and implementation of this program shall be appropriated for this purpose with a starting fund amounting to Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00) only. The funds shall be chargeable against appropriate accounts annually provided by the Province and other funding sources available.

SECTION 17. RULES AND REGULATIONS – Within thirty (30) days since this Ordinance takes effect, as may be authorized by the Governor, the Local Finance Committee (LFC) together with PAGRO as program management unit shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the efficient and effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 18. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If any part of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or unlawful, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or the section hereof that are not declared unconstitutional or unlawful.

SECTION 19. REPEALING CLAUSE – All previous ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 20. EFFECTIVITY – This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation within the Province of Davao Oriental, and on the official Davao Oriental social media page.

ENACTED: October 16, 2024

CARRIED, by nine (9) affirmative votes of SP Members Shella Marie S. Go, Anna Cheryl N. Castro, Harold A. Montes, Rotchie M. Ravelo, Marietta D. Palmera, Andy A. Monday, Michelle M. Centeno, Jossone Michael G. Dayanghirang, and Eleuterio C. Manaytay; negative votes – none; and abstention - none.

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**I hereby Certify to the Correctness
of the foregoing Ordinance.**

MAXIMINO A. NAZARENO II

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

**Attested and Certified
to be duly Adopted:**

DAUD V. LINSAG

*SP Member, District II
Temporary Presiding Officer*

APPROVED:

NIÑO SOTERO L. UY, JR.

Governor

Date approved and signed **OCT 24 2024**