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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3283**, S-2024

*AN ORDINANCE EXPANDING THE QUEZON CITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM,
THEREBY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. SP-3121, S-2022*

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WHEREAS, under the 1987 Philippine Constitution, 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, it is the policy of the State to establish and maintain a system of scholarship grants, student loan programs, subsidies, and other incentives that shall be available to deserving students in both private and public schools;

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WHEREAS, in a policy paper prepared by UNESCO's Global Education Monitoring Report, only 21% of Filipinos aged 25-29 years old were found to have completed a college degree, and of that 21%, 52% were comprised of students coming from high-income households, while only 1% came from the poorest;

WHEREAS, in the past years, the Quezon City Government has established programs and enacted ordinances giving scholarships that would increase access of qualified Quezon City residents to secondary and tertiary education;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. SP-3121, S-2022 codified all City ordinances on scholarships covering Senior High School Academic Rank 1-10, members of marginalized groups, recipients of awards in sports and arts, youth leaders, Quezon City Government employees taking post-graduate courses, and vocational course students;

WHEREAS, in a position paper submitted to the Commission on Higher Education by the National Union of Students of the Philippines (NUSP) on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was an observed increase in the average rate of tuition fees; data shows an increase from 10.49% to 12.06% within a year from Academic Year 2019-2020 to 2020-2021 while other school fees were found to have more than doubled from 12.55% to 30.39% in the same period;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance revitalizes the scholarship program to be responsive to emerging needs, especially price inflation and increasing costs of tuition fees and other expenses;

WHEREAS, strengthening the scholarship program is further in line with one of Quezon City's 14-Point Agenda to promote education and empower Quezon City students and residents to be equipped for a better future.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as "The Expanded Scholarship Code of Quezon City."

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SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – It is hereby declared the policy of the Quezon City Government to support deserving and qualified Quezon City constituents in their education and pursuit of learning across different levels and areas of specialization through the Quezon City Scholarship Program. It envisions Quezon City Scholars who obtain valuable experience through training and active participation in Quezon City Government initiatives, aimed at nurturing their potential for active citizenship. The Quezon City Scholarship Program shall support students in their current academic and future professional endeavors, as well as equip them to become leaders and agents of positive change, serving fellow youth and residents of the City.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES. – This Ordinance shall have the following objectives:

- a) consolidate all the existing ordinances of Quezon City into a unified ordinance;*
- b) update scholarship requirements and benefits to make the program more responsive to the needs of Quezon City residents;*
- c) expand scholarship categories to cater to more scholarship beneficiaries; and*
- d) establish a simplified scholarship process.*

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following shall be defined as:

- a) Quezon City Scholarship Program – refers to a city program that provides financial assistance in the form of tuition fee grant and/or stipend given to deserving students, especially underprivileged ones;*
- b) Scholarship Category – refers to one or any of the following: (1) Scholarship for Senior High School Students; (2) Scholarship for Tertiary Students; (3) Scholarship for Post-graduate Students; and (4) Scholarship for Continuing Education/Vocational Course Students;*
- c) Scholarship Sub-category – refers to one or any of the following under the Scholarship for Senior High School Students Category: (1) Academic Scholarship; (2) Specialized Track Scholarship; (3) Athletic and Arts Scholarship; and (4) Youth Leaders Scholarship;*

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This also refers to one or any of the following under the Scholarship for Tertiary Students Category: (1) QC Excel Scholarship; (2) Academic Scholarship; (3) Athletic and Arts Scholarship; (4) Youth Leaders Scholarship; and (5) Economic Scholarship;

- d) Quezon City Youth Development Office (QCYDO) – refers to the Office mandated to implement the Quezon City Scholarship Program;*
- e) Scholarship Screening Committee (SSC) – refers to the committee tasked to oversee the implementation of the Quezon City Scholarship Program;*
- f) Quezon City Resident – refers to a person who is residing in Quezon City for at least 6 months before application for scholarship, as may be evidenced by a Quezon City ID, a certificate from the barangay where the said person is residing, or any other documentary evidence accepted by QCYDO; and*
- g) Scholar/QC Scholar – refers to a student who is a recipient of any scholarship grant provided in this Ordinance.*

SECTION 5. QUEZON CITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. – There is hereby established the Quezon City Scholarship Program for deserving Quezon City residents. It shall have the following categories:

a) Scholarship for Senior High School Students

- (1) Academic Scholarship – open for students who achieved an overall rank of 1 to 10;*
- (2) Specialized Track Scholarship – open to outstanding students enrolling in specialized public senior high schools as stipulated by Ordinance No. SP-2890, S-2020 located outside of their district of residence;*
- (3) Athletic and Arts Scholarship – open for outstanding students in recognized programs or who are recipients of major individual awards for arts and sports who achieved the prescribed General Weighted Average (GWA); and*
- (4) Youth Leaders Scholarship – open for students who are recipients of recognized leadership awards or serve as officials of the Sangguniang Kabataan, Supreme Student Government or its equivalent, and registered Youth Organizations, with the prescribed General Weighted Average (GWA).*

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b) Scholarship for Tertiary Students

- (1) *QC Excel Scholarship – open for students who excel academically with the prescribed General Weighted Average (GWA), and actively participating in volunteer works or projects, programs, or activities with social relevance.*
 - (2) *Academic Scholarship – open for students who achieved an overall rank of 1 to 10.*
 - (3) *Athletic and Arts Scholarship – open for outstanding students in recognized programs or who are recipients of major individual awards for arts and sports who achieved the prescribed General Weighted Average (GWA).*
 - (4) *Youth Leaders Scholarship – open for students who are recipients of recognized leadership awards or serve as officials of the Sangguniang Kabataan, Supreme Student Council or its equivalent, and registered Youth Organizations, with the prescribed General Weighted Average (GWA).*
 - (5) *Economic Scholarship – open for students within the low middle income to poverty threshold, with the prescribed General Weighted Average (GWA). This includes members of marginalized groups (indigent families, displaced or relocated families, Persons with Disabilities [PWDs], household/domestic helpers, Alternative Learning System [ALS] students, students whose parents are in conflict with the law, family members of tricycle drivers and operators, and other vulnerable sectors determined by the City Government), provided they show proof of indigency.*
- c) **Post-Graduate Scholarship** – open for employees working with the Quezon City Local Government.
- d) **Continuing Education/Vocational Scholarship** – open for post-graduate or technical-vocational students enrolled in fields prioritized and deemed significant to the development of the City.

SECTION 6. QUALIFICATIONS AND AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS. – Each category of the Quezon City Scholarship Program shall have the following qualifications and maximum amount of scholarship grants per school year:

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Scholarship for Senior High School Students

Subcategory	Qualifications	Tuition fee grant per school year	Stipend per school year	Total scholarship grant per school year
1) Academic Scholarship	- Must be overall rank 1-10	SHS (Private): Php20,000	SHS (Public or Private): Php10,000	SHS (Private): Php30,000 SHS (Public): Php10,000
2) Specialized Track Scholarship	- Must be an outstanding student enrolling in specialized public senior high school as stipulated by Ordinance No. SP-2890, S-2020 located outside of his/her district of residence	SHS (Private): Php20,000	SHS (Public or Private): Php10,000	SHS (Private): Php30,000 SHS (Public): Php10,000
3) Athletic and Arts Scholarship	- Must be an outstanding student in recognized programs or who is a recipient of major individual awards for arts and sports who achieved the prescribed General Weighted Average (GWA)	SHS (Private): Php20,000	SHS (Public or Private): Php10,000	SHS (Private): Php30,000 SHS (Public): Php10,000
4) Youth Leaders Scholarship	- Must be a recipient of recognized leadership awards or must serve as an officer of SK/Supreme Student Government/Youth Organization	SHS (Private): Php20,000	SHS (Public or Private): Php10,000	SHS (Private): Php30,000 SHS (Public): Php10,000

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Scholarship for Tertiary Students

Subcategory	Qualifications	Tuition fee grant per school year	Stipend per school year	Total scholarship grant per school year
1) QC Excel Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be able to show proof of volunteer work or other socio-civic engagement - Must pass the aptitude and other tests administered by the QCYDO 	Tertiary (Private): Php110,000	Tertiary (Private): Php50,000 Tertiary (Public): Php50,000	Tertiary (Private): Php160,000 Tertiary (Public): Php50,000
2) Academic Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be overall rank 1-10 	Tertiary (Private): Php80,000	Tertiary (Private): Php25,000 Tertiary (Public): Php25,000	Tertiary (Private): Php105,000 Tertiary (Public): Php25,000
3) Athletics and Arts Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be an outstanding student in recognized programs or who is a recipient of major individual awards for arts and sports who achieved the prescribed General Weighted Average (GWA) 	Tertiary (Private): Php55,000	Tertiary (Private): Php25,000 Tertiary (Public): Php25,000	Tertiary (Private): Php80,000 Tertiary (Public): Php25,000
4) Youth Leaders Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be a recipient of recognized leadership awards or must serve as an officer of SK/ Supreme Student Council/ Youth Organization 	Tertiary (Private): Php55,000	Tertiary (Private): Php25,000 Tertiary (Public): Php25,000	Tertiary (Private): Php80,000 Tertiary (Public): Php25,000

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<p>5) Economic Scholarship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must show proof of annual household income within the low middle income to poverty threshold - Must show proof of membership to marginalized groups (indigent families, displaced or relocated families, Persons with Disabilities [PWDs], household or domestic helpers, Alternative Learning System [ALS] students, students whose parents are in conflict with the law, family members of tricycle drivers and operators, and other vulnerable sectors determined by the City Government) 	<p>Tertiary (Private): Php10,000</p>	<p>Tertiary (Private): Php10,000</p> <p>Tertiary (Public): Php10,000</p>	<p>Tertiary (Private): Php20,000</p> <p>Tertiary (Public): Php10,000</p>
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Scholarship for Post-Graduate and Continuing Education/Vocational Scholarship

Category	Qualifications	Tuition fee grant per school year	Stipend per school year	Total scholarship grant per school year
Post-Graduate Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must show proof of employment in the Quezon City Government 	<p>Private or Public: Php55,000</p>	<p>Private or Public: Php50,000</p>	<p>Private or Public: Php105,000</p>

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Continuing Education/ Vocational Scholarship	- Must be enrolled or registered in any of the priority courses/ specializations/ disciplines identified by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), with priority on courses deemed necessary by the Quezon City Government.	None	Private or Public: Php10,000	Private or Public: Php10,000
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SECTION 7. SCHOLARSHIP SCREENING COMMITTEE (SSC) FUNCTIONS. – For purposes of this Ordinance, a Scholarship Screening Committee shall be created with the following functions:

- a) oversee the implementation of this Ordinance;
- b) prepare guidelines on the process of application for, and approval and termination of, scholarship grants;
- c) approve the Roster of Scholars;
- d) handle appeals in relation to approval of scholarship application and renewal; and
- e) handle special and other analogous cases that may come about by reason of, or in relation to the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. SCHOLARSHIP SCREENING COMMITTEE (SSC) MEMBERS. – The Scholarship Screening Committee (SSC) shall be headed by the City Mayor and composed of representatives from the following Offices:

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- a) City Council, Committee on Education, Science and Technology;
- b) Office of the City Administrator;
- c) Quezon City Youth Development Office;
- d) Human Resource Management Department;
- e) City Planning and Development Department;
- f) Quezon City University;
- g) City Budget Department;
- h) Education Affairs Unit;
- i) Social Services Development Department;
- j) Schools Division Office Quezon City;
- k) City Treasurer's Office; and
- l) City Accounting Department.

The City Mayor may designate additional Scholarship Screening Committee (SSC) members to ensure efficient implementation of the scholarship program.

SECTION 9. EASE OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PROCESSES. – The QCYDO, in coordination with relevant offices, shall endeavor to establish processes and systems to ease the access of deserving and qualified students to the Quezon City Scholarship Program. It shall establish and develop a centralized database system that will provide timely and relevant information for policy formulation and for proper handling of concerns in relation to the scholarship program of the Quezon City Government. QCYDO shall ensure the confidentiality of data found in the database.

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SECTION 10. DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS. – The QCYDO shall establish processes to ensure the efficient and judicious disbursement of the scholarship grants (tuition fee and/or stipend), in accordance with government accounting rules and regulations, considering the best interest of the scholars.

SECTION 11. AUTHORITY OF THE CITY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH PARTNER INSTITUTIONS. – The City Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with partner institutions for the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 12. FUNDING. – There shall be a Scholarship Fund that will be maintained by the QCYDO which will be part of the annual budget for its continuous operation.

SECTION 13. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE. – The QCYDO, in coordination with the SSC, shall be the main implementor of this Ordinance.

SECTION 14. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The QCYDO shall issue the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations within 60 days from the approval of this Ordinance.

SECTION 15. TRANSITION PERIOD. – Implementation of this Ordinance shall occur progressively in a series of stages but shall not exceed 1 year upon approval. Considering the coordination processes with partner schools for tuition fee grant adjustments, existing scholars for the first semester of School Year 2024-2025 shall receive adjusted stipend amounts only while tuition fee grants will be adjusted beginning the first semester of School Year 2025-2026.

SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any part or section of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional for any reason whatsoever, such declaration shall not in any way affect other parts or sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 17. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All previous ordinances which are found to be inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 18. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect on the date of approval and shall remain in full force until the same is amended or repealed. Duly approved copies hereof shall be furnished to all concerned offices for proper implementation.

ENACTED: May 20, 2024.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)

APPROVED: JUN 28 2024


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on May 20, 2024 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on May 27, 2024.


ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)



