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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE QUEZON CITY POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR DESERVING STUDENTS DOMICILED WITHIN THE CITY AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE.

Introduced by Councilors JULIENNE ALYSON RAE V. MEDALLA, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, ANTHONY PETER D. CRISOLOGO, ALEXIS R. HERRERA, PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO, GODOFREDO T. LIBAN, II, JULIAN ML. COSETENG, ALLAN BENEDICT S. REYES, JAIME F. BORRES, JOSE MARIO DON S. DE LEON, EUFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY, JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, JESSICA CASTELO DAZA, RAQUEL S. MALAÑGEN, VINCENT DG. BELMONTE, MARVIN C. RILLO and IVY LIM-LAGMAN.

WHEREAS, as provided in the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, 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, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, specifically provides 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, while there are existing scholarship programs in the Office of the City Mayor and private schools and entities, a scholarship program for students who would like to pursue post-graduate studies is yet to be established;

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WHEREAS, providing post-graduate scholarships to deserving beneficiaries is consistent with the 2010 City Development Plan to make Quezon City a true Knowledge Industry Capital of the country;

WHEREAS, designing a sustainable educational assistance program is an integral part of the City's anti-poverty integration program since the local government of Quezon City believes that education is the ultimate weapon to fight poverty.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. TITLE – *This ordinance shall be known as "The Quezon City Post-Graduate Scholarship Program"*

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY – *It is hereby declared the policy of the Local Government of Quezon City to provide the less-fortunate but deserving and qualified students within its territorial jurisdiction to post-graduate education, in order to make its human resources globally competitive.*

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

- a. Open opportunities to quality education;*
- b. Minimize the number of displaced youth in the City;*
- c. Upgrade the literacy of the residents of the City;*
- d. Promote activities related to the course taken by the grantee for development, such as trainings, projects and seminars;*
- e. To attain the objective of the Quezon City Government in promoting the advancement of science and technology with respect to post graduate education; and*
- f. Encourage dual scholarship from Quezon City and the prospective school.*



SECTION 4. SCHOLARSHIP SCREENING COMMITTEE (SSC) –
There is hereby created a Scholarship Screening Committee (SSC), which shall screen and approve qualified scholars, the qualifications of which shall be prescribed in the Implementing Rules and Regulations hereof.

The SSC shall be composed of five (5) members, namely:

- a. Representative of the Honorable City Mayor – as Chairperson*
- b. Head of the City Planning and Development Department - as member*
- c. Head of the Scholarship and Youth Development Program (SYDP) - as member*
- d. Head of the City Personnel – as member*
- e. Chairperson, City Council Committee on Education, as member*

SECTION 5. BENEFICIARIES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
– The following shall be the minimum qualifications of any beneficiary of the Scholarship Program:

- a. The grantee shall be a college graduate who is willing and capable to pursue a post-graduate degree;*
- b. The grantee is a graduate from one of the reputable universities of the country as identified by the Commission on Higher Education;*
- c. The grantee will only enroll in one of the reputable universities of the country or in an educational institution offering specialized courses as determined by the SSC;*

In addition to the above mentioned qualifications, the SSC shall pre-screen the applicant and determine whether he or she meets the requirements set by the SYDP. After pre-screening, the SSC shall identify who will be recommended for nomination for the grant of scholarship.

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The SSC screening shall be in two phases, as follows:

First Screening: The first screening shall be conducted through a written examination that will gauge the nominee's analytical and numerical abilities.

Second Screening: The second screening shall be conducted through a technical interview of nominee/s who passed the written examination. The technical interview shall focus on the nominee's research proposal and determine his/her capacity to undergo the rigors of graduate studies.

SECTION 6. LIMITATIONS TO THE GRANTEE – *The following shall be the limitations to the availment of the scholarship program:*

- a. Only one member of the family can avail of this grant in a school year;*
- b. Must be a resident of Quezon City for at least three (3) years; and*
- c. Grantee must be twenty (20) years old but not more than thirty (30) years old.*

SECTION 7. TERMS AND CONDITIONS – *Financial assistance to the grantee shall cover one (1) academic year, but he shall renew his application for scholarship every semester until he shall have completed the degree subject to the following conditions:*

- a. The courses to be taken shall be approved by the SSC;*
- b. The grantee shall immediately enroll in the semester following the approval of his application for scholarship assistance or he may defer the availment provided that SYDP is explicitly informed through a written request;*
- c. The grantee shall maintain a weighted average of 1.50 or its equivalent with no failing grade;*

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d. City Hall employees under this program shall finish the academic course within four (4) years for Masters Degree and at least six (6) years for Doctorate Degree depending on the rules of the University as stipulated in their "MAXIMUM Residency Requirement" (MRR). In no case shall the course be finished beyond the prescribed years.

The grantee shall carry minimum semester load prescribed by the school for the particular year level or course which requires thesis for the completion of such course.

e. Non-City Hall employee under this program shall finish the academic program within three (3) years for Masters Degree and five (5) years for Doctorate Degree depending on the rules of the University as stipulated in their "Maximum Residency Requirement" (MRR). In no case shall the course be finished beyond the prescribed years.

The grantee shall carry the full semester load prescribed by the school for the particular year level or course which requires thesis for the completion of such course.

f. The grantee's thesis/dissertation must be for the benefit of the City;

g. The grantee shall actively participate in community/special projects initiated by the City Government for the duration of his scholarship; and

h. In case of a government employee, the grantee shall be exclusively employed by the city for two (2) years for each academic school year and cannot sever employment unless he pays back the total amount of the scholarship he gained from the City provided that in no case shall the years of employment exceed five (5) years. In case of a non-government employee, he may be employed or render consultancy services to the City for a reasonable period of time subject to agreement between the City and the grantee.

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SECTION 8. GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP -
The following shall be the grounds for the termination of the scholarship, unless otherwise provided by the SYDP:

- a. Non-fulfillment of scholarship requirements;*
- b. Academic deficiencies;*
- c. Forging or falsification of official grades/records;*
- d. Abandonment of scholarship and/or non-communication with SYDP office for one semester despite the efforts exerted by the latter to communicate; and*
- e. Conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude*
- f. Other causes as may be determined by the SYDP*

In case the grantee's general weighted average falls below the required minimum to avail of the scholarship, the beneficiary shall be given another opportunity to meet the required general weighted average. However, a failing, dropped or incomplete mark in any subject will automatically terminate the scholarship.

Likewise, any grantee who fails to fulfill or terminates the scholarship for any reason, must reimburse the City Government the total amount of the scholarship, within (2) years after the termination of the scholarship.

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - *An initial amount of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P 3,500,000.00) shall be allotted which shall be taken from the budget of Scholarship for Youth and Development Program (SYDP) for the year 2012. Thereafter, an annual budget shall be allocated for its continuous operation.*


SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS - *The SYDP shall issue guidelines and prescribe the appropriate rules and regulations for the implementation of this ordinance, taking into account those already issued by CHED and the Civil Service Commission.*




SECTION 11. 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 12. EFFECTIVITY - *This Act shall take effect after thirty (30) days following its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.*

ENACTED: July 30, 2012.


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept Head III

APPROVED: 10 SEP 2012


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on July 30, 2012 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on August 6, 2012.


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