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MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN
Province of Pangasinan

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ASINGAN, PANGASINAN HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 AT THE ASINGAN GOVERNMENT CENTER SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

1. Hon. Heidee L. Ganigan-Chua	Municipal Vice Mayor Presiding Officer
2. Hon. Athena Ira G. Chua	Sangguniang Bayan Member
3. Hon. Marivic S. Robeniol	Sangguniang Bayan Member
4. Hon. Johnny Mar A. Carig	Sangguniang Bayan Member
5. Hon. Joselito V. Viray	Sangguniang Bayan Member
6. Hon. Mel F. Lopez	Sangguniang Bayan Member
7. Hon. Melchor J. Cardinez, Sr.	Sangguniang Bayan Member
8. Hon. Virgilio I. Amistad	Sangguniang Bayan Member
9. Hon. Julio P. Dayag	Sangguniang Bayan Member
10. Hon. Herminio C. Alcantara, Jr.	Sangguniang Bayan Member/Liga President
11. Hon. Naphtali Magiting P. Bernabe	Sangguniang Bayan Member/PPSK President

ABSENT: None

Sponsored by: SB Member Athena Ira G. Chua

EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article 14 of the 1987 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 447 of R.A. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the Sangguniang Bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, granting financial assistance to qualified indigent college students, the municipality will aid students to finish their studies and will not only improve their social and economic standing but will likewise boost the development of the municipality, maintaining a skilled and educated workforce being vital for economic growth;

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen the program by expanding its coverage, transitioning its nature into a hybrid of meritocracy-based and needs-based scheme, and potentially increasing the amount of cash assistance to reflect the current education expenses based on the prevailing inflation rate and post-pandemic realities;

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WHEREAS, government offices are mandated to establish volunteer programs, by virtue of R.A. 9418, also known as "Volunteer Act of 2007", "to promote and encourage volunteering in government programs and projects as well as enjoin government employees to render volunteer service in social, economic and humanitarian development undertakings in the community;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of SB Member Athena Ira G. Chua, duly seconded by SB Members Marivic S. Robeniol, Joselito V. Viray, Johnny Mar A. Carig, Mel F. Lopez, Virgilio I. Amistad, Herminio C. Alcantara, Jr. and Julio P. Dayag, it was;

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to approve the following Ordinance, to wit:

**ORDINANCE NO. 10
SERIES 2024**

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Asingan in session assembled:

**CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

ARTICLE A. TITLE AND GENERAL POLICY

Section 1. Short Title – This Ordinance shall be known as "Expanded Scholarship Ordinance of the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan".

Section 2. Coverage – The Program shall provide financial assistance to academically able but poor college students from the Municipality of Asingan enrolled in state universities and colleges (SUCs) or local universities and colleges (LUCs).

Priority shall be given to students whose households are under the State's social protection programs (e.g., PWD, solo parent, crisis survivors, low-income earners, informal economy, etc.). In order to ensure its effectiveness, efficiency, and responsiveness, the Program shall be monitored and evaluated annually. This will make sure it reflects present conditions of the education sector, including the progressive increase of grants, socialized scheme, and other mechanisms for gender equality, diversity, and social inclusion.

Section 3. Definition of Terms – As used in this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall mean:

- a. College Students – students who are enrolled in tertiary level of education in either four-or five-year bachelor's degree program;
- b. Financial assistance – monetary aid from the Municipal Government of Asingan given directly to student scholars or their authorized representatives;
- c. Local universities and colleges (LUCs) – refers to CHED-accredited public HEIs established and funded by the local government units (LGUs);

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- d. Indigent but deserving students – students who are academically proficient but show financial incapacity to continue tertiary schooling;
- e. Scholarship Committee – a local special body under the Office of the Municipal Mayor composed of education stakeholders that shall govern the rules and regulations relative to the implementation of the Program;
- f. State universities and colleges – public HEIs established by national government and are governed by their respective independent boards of trustees or regents;
- g. Volunteerism – an act involving a wide range of activities, including traditional forms of mutual aid and developmental interventions that provides an enabling and empowering environment both on the part of the beneficiary receiving and the volunteer rendering the act, undertaken for reasons arising from socio-developmental, business or corporate orientation commitment or conviction for the attainment of the public good and where monetary and other incentives or reward are not the primary motivating factors.

Section 4. Qualification Criteria

- a. He/she must be a bonafide resident of Asingan;
- b. Must be an incoming college student or attending college upon application;
- c. Pass the qualification process set forth by the Committee or competent authority;
- d. There shall be a grade requirement to qualify:
 - i. For incoming college students: he/she must not have any failed subject and must have a General Weighted Average (GWA) of eighty five percent (85%) or higher in SHS.
 - ii. For existing college students: He/She must not have any failed subject and must have a GWA of eighty two percent (82%) or its equivalent mark while eighty percent (80%) or its equivalent mark for highly-technical courses (Engineering, Architecture, Accountancy, Pharmacy, etc.) in the school year/semester immediately preceding his/her application;
- e. He/she must come an indigent family as indicated by the Barangay or Social case Study Report by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office;
- f. He/she must submit the following documentary requirements to the Scholarship Coordinator:
 - i. Certificate of Indigency from the Barangay or Social Case Study Report from the MSWDO;
 - ii. Student Profile (using the CHED Scholarship Program Application Form);
 - iii. Copy of grades during the school year/semester immediately preceding his/her application;
 - iv. Copy of enrollment/registration form (if already enrolled).

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Section 5. Scope of the Financial Assistance Program

- a. All academically able but indigent college students as may be deemed qualified by the Scholarship Committee or any other Municipal Officials authorized by the Local Chief Executive, and officially enrolled in any State universities and colleges (SUCs) or Local universities and colleges (LUCs);
- b. Each eligible scholar shall receive a lumpsum amount of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) upon submission of complete documentary requirements;
- c. Processing of scholarship grant and subsequent payouts shall be by batch depending on the reasonable period of submission of documentary requirements;
- d. On budget availability, an additional subsistence allowance of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php2,500.00) shall be given before the midterm examinations;
- e. On budget availability, additional cash incentives and certificates may be given to scholars who obtained academic distinctions, indicated hereinunder:
 - i. Summa Cum Laude - Php6,000.00
 - ii. Magna Cum Laude - Php5,000.00
 - iii. Cum Laude - Php4,000.00
 - iv. President's Lister - Php3,000.00
 - v. Dean's Lister - Php2,000.00
 - vi. Other academic distinctions - Php1,000.00

Section 6. Standards to Maintain Scholarship

- a. Must have a passing grade in all enrolled subjects;
- b. Must carry the full normal load prescribed by the school's curriculum;
- c. Timely and complete submission of documentary requirements, as follows:
 - i. Certified True Copy of grades or any documentary proof of grades
 - ii. Copy of Enrollment/Registration Form
 - iii. Volunteer Service Card validated by the Scholarship Coordinator
- d. A one-time consideration may be given to the student who incurred failing marks or lower than required grade average, provided that medical certificate is presented for health reason or letter of explanation is submitted for the Committee's evaluation.

Section 7. Effect of Other Scholarship Grant

- a. A student receiving scholarship grant/assistance from the school itself, private sources, or through RA 10931 "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act" shall continue to qualify in the Program;
- b. Scholarship grants from other government agencies and instrumentalities shall be reviewed and evaluated by the Committee for consideration;
- c. Non-disclosure, misrepresentation and misstatement of relevant information and documents shall automatically disqualify applicants/scholars from this Program.

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Section 8. Scholarship Committee – A committee shall be created to hold regular semestral meetings or special meetings upon the request of the Local Chief Executive or duly-authorized representative to undertake the hereunder indicated duties and functions:

- a. Formulate rules and regulations necessary to properly implement the Program;
- b. Supervise the screening of applicants and evaluation of documentary requirements;
- c. Establish and develop programs that will increase and sustain engagement among education stakeholders in active pursuit of the student's realization of full potential as responsible community members;
- d. Conduct annual review of the Program's effectiveness based on coverage, impact return service, and employment absorption;
- e. Lobby for additional funds for the Program's expansion;
- f. As much as practicable, ensure equitable distribution of slots among scholars in twenty none (21) component barangays;
- g. Exercise such other function in furtherance of this Program.

Section 9. The Scholars' Bloc – A student body composed of active municipal scholars to be led by officers in the fulfillment of their responsibility and facilitate engagement with the Committee in particular and the local government as a whole.

- a. There shall be a Scholar Assembly held every 1st semester of the academic year as a venue for scholar orientation, selection of Officers, and agenda setting/planning;
- b. The Scholar's Bloc shall facilitate the selection of Officers, as follows:
 - i. President
 - ii. Vice President for Internal Affairs
 - iii. Vice President for External Affairs
 - iv. Secretary
 - v. One (1) representative per school
- c. The President, or in his/her absence, the VP for Internal Affairs, shall represent the Bloc to the Scholarship Committee and LGU Local Special Bodies during meetings;
- d. The VP for External Affairs shall serve as information and promotion officer;
- e. The Secretary shall serve as the secretariat during assembly, meetings, and activities involving the scholars;
- f. The school representative shall engage with their fellow scholars to ensure prompt submission of requirements and liaising with the Scholarship Coordinator on matters concerning the scholar's welfare and the Program;
- g. In case of resignation or unforeseen circumstance that causes vacancy, the Bloc shall fill in the vacancy through a special in-person or online Assembly; and
- h. The Bloc may initiate programs and activities, in consultation with the Scholarship Coordinator, as part of voluntary service, information drive, and welfare development.

Section 10. Responsibility of the Scholars

- a. Carry a full normal load based on the school's curriculum without any dropped or failed subject;

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- b. Submit complete documentary requirements in a timely manner, without prejudice to the different academic calendar set by the school;
- c. Render forty (40) hours of voluntary service per semester, with the following suggested activities and prescribed hourly, viz:
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| i. | Education and Training | | |
| | • Brigada Pagbasa (3 times) | - | 8 hours |
| | • Brigada Eskwela | - | 8 hours |
| | • Tutorial/tech-in (3 times) | - | 8 hours |
| iii. | Environment and DRRM | | |
| | • Tree-planting | - | 8 hours |
| | • Cleanup drive | - | 8 hours |
| | • Adopt a tree | - | 8 hours |
| | • Information campaign | - | 4 hours |
| iv. | Health, Nutrition, and Wellness | | |
| | • Bloodletting | - | 8 hours |
| | • Secretarial assistance | - | 8 hours |
| | • Feeding program | - | 8 hours |
| | • Sports and recreation | - | 4 hours |
| v. | Municipal-wide events | | |
| | • Ginoo ken Mutya ti Asingan | - | 8 hours |
| | • Paskuhang Asingan | - | 8 hours |
- d. Serve in the municipality or province within one (1) year after graduation as a form of return Service. The local government, through the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) shall assist in the employment, preferably consistent with their degree or profession.

Section 11. Appropriation – budget for the Program shall be sourced out from the “Financial Assistance to Students” fund as included in the Annual Budget of the municipality in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php1,200,000.00), or from supplemental budget duly approved by the Local Chief Executive and adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan.

Section 12. Supplementary Clause – On matters not provided in this Ordinance, any applicable laws and their corresponding implementing rules and regulations, executive orders and relevant issuances therefore shall be applied in a supplemental manner.

Section 13. Separability Clause – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 14. Repealing Clause – Any issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rules or regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.



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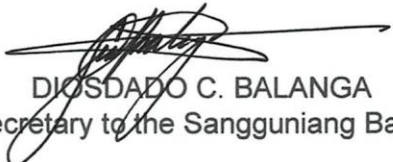
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Section 15. Effectivity - - This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and after ten (10) days from the date a copy thereof is published in the newspaper of general circulation.

Date Approved: September 16, 2024.


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

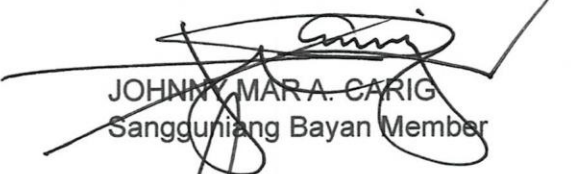

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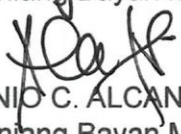

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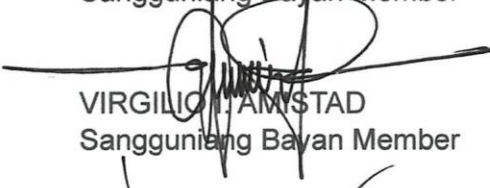

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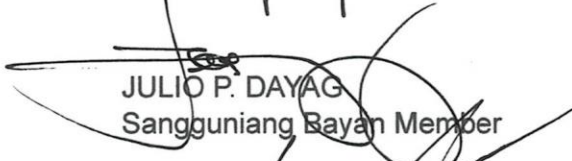

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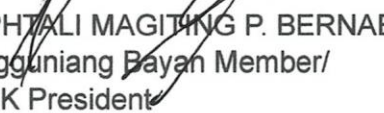

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