



Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
City of Mandaluyong

ORDINANCE NO. 704, S-2018

AN ORDINANCE REPROGRAMMING THE SYSTEM OF THE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS OF THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10931, also known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act", declares that quality education is an inalienable right of all Filipinos. It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the rights of students to quality education on all levels. Therefore, the State shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to the public;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Mandaluyong, through its City of Mandaluyong Collegiate Scholarship (CMCS) program and the Iskolar ng Punong Lungsod (IPL) formerly known as the CARMELITA A. ABALOS Scholarship Grant (CAA Scholarship Grant), provides financial and logistical support necessary for the implementation of the programs and projects on education for the poor but deserving students, who are residents of the City studying exclusively at the Rizal Technological University (RTU-CMCS) and those students studying at other universities inside and or outside Mandaluyong City (IPL);

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Agreement was recently entered into, by and between the City Government of Mandaluyong and RTU exclusively for the CMCS Scholars that aims to pursue a comprehensive educational program for those who qualified as scholars and as grantees of the program through a selection process conducted by the City Educational Service Office (CESO), while qualified students studying at other State Universities/Colleges or State-Run Technical-Vocational Institutions are generally categorized as Iskolar ng Punong Lungsod (IPL) after having passed a comprehensive qualifying examination and screening by the Office of the Chief Executive;

WHEREAS, those who qualified as scholars of the CMCS program had been granted a privilege of free tuition and miscellaneous fees in RTU, aside from the provision of stipends and allowances, depending on their academic performances. On the other hand, those categorized as grantees were granted free tuition and miscellaneous fees only. Students under the Iskolar ng Punong Lungsod (IPL), on the other hand, had been given a fixed stipend only every semester (two semesters) of the School Year;

WHEREAS, in line with the new policy brought about by Republic Act No. 10931, tuition fees and miscellaneous expenses in Local and State Universities and Colleges and State-Run Technical-Vocational Institutions shall be borne by the National Government starting the first semester of Academic Year 2018-2019, thus, making the tuition fees free for all students in the tertiary level;

WHEREAS, in light of the said development, it is imperative that the allowances and benefits originally intended by the City of Mandaluyong to defray the tuition and miscellaneous fees of scholars and grantees both under the CMCS Scholarship Grant and the Iskolar ng Punong Lungsod be reprogrammed to defray the cost of other expenses not covered by the aforementioned Republic Act, such as but not limited, to the expenses for books, uniforms, laboratory materials and tools, daily allowance and transportation;

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WHEREAS, the CESO strongly recommended that the funds formerly intended for the tuition fees of the scholars and grantees under the CMCS and Iskolar ng Punong Lungsod be given as monthly allowance with the following details:

CITY OF MANDALUYONG COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP (CMCS)	
SCHOLAR	Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos/month (Php 2,500.00/month)
GRANTEE	Two Thousand Pesos/month (Php 2,000.00/month)
ISKOLAR NG PUNONG LUNGSOD (IPL)	
ISKOLAR	Two Thousand Pesos/month (Php 2,000.00/month)

WHEREAS, the City Government will allot the amount of Twelve Million Pesos Only (Php 12,000,000.00) for the aforementioned scholarship programs to be taken from the total annual allotment for Educational Programs in the amount of Twenty-Three Million Pesos (Php 23,000,000.00);

WHEREAS, the offices of the City Accountant and of the City Treasurer have both certified the existence and availability of the fund through certifications hereto attached and marked as Annexes "A" and "B", respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Mandaluyong, in session assembled:

SECTION 1. It is the policy of the City Government of Mandaluyong to give equal opportunities to all its residents who desire to pursue higher education by extending scholarship grants to poor but deserving students, giving emphasis on the City Government's commitment that no person shall be deprived or denied education for reasons of poverty.

SECTION 2. For the current year, the amount of Seven Million Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php7,020,000.00) only from the budget in the General Fund originally for the stipends, tuition and miscellaneous fees of the scholars and grantees of the CMCS and Iskolar ng Punong Lungsod programs are reprogrammed to cover the monthly allowance of the scholars and grantees stated above; Provided that, for the succeeding years, the amount of Twelve Million Pesos (Php12,000,000.00) shall be appropriated for the same purpose; Provided further that, such grant shall be subject to existing auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 3. Monthly Allowances of scholars and grantees under the Scholarship Programs above-cited shall be processed through a payroll system to be prepared by CESO and the Office of the Mayor. Such allowances shall be released thru a passbook system or other schemes as may be agreed upon which will be facilitated and monitored by the Office of the Mayor.

SECTION 4. If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED on this 9th day of July, 2018 in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE
WAS ENACTED AND APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLUNGSOD OF MANDALUYONG IN REGULAR SESSION
HELD ON THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.


MA. TERESA S. MIRANDA
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED BY:


LUISITO E. ESPINOSA
Councilor &
Acting Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


CARMELITA A. ABALOS
City Mayor

Date: JUL 16 2018



