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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16
Series of 2018

"AN ORDER AMENDING SECTION 4 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7, SERIES OF 2014, COVERING THE BENEFITS FOR SCHOLARS UNDER THE SCHOLARSHIP ON TERTIARY EDUCATION PROGRAM ("STEP") APPLICABLE TO THOSE WHO ENROLL WITH STATE UNIVERSITIES COVERED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10931 OR THE UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION ACT"

WHEREAS, the City Government of Davao gives utmost importance to education, thus providing financial assistance to indigent students who yearn to study and finish college is necessary;

WHEREAS, among the schools that have partnered with the City Government in its Scholarship on Tertiary Education Program are state universities and colleges;

WHEREAS, with enactment of Republic Act No. 10931 ("RA 10931") or "An Act Promoting Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education by Providing for Free Tuition and Other School Fees in State Universities and Colleges, Local Universities and Colleges and State-Run Technical-Vocational Institutions, Establishing the Tertiary Education Subsidy and Student Loan Program, Strengthening the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education, and Appropriating Fund Therefor" or simply, the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act, students who enroll with any covered state college or university within Davao City will no longer be made to pay any fee;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of RA 10931 provides that all Filipino students who are either currently enrolled at the time of the effectivity of this Act, or shall enroll at any time thereafter in courses in pursuance to a bachelor's degree in any State Universities and Colleges (SUC) and Local Universities and Colleges (LUC) shall be exempt from paying tuition and other school fees for units enrolled in xxx.

WHEREAS, for a student covered by Section 4 of RA 10931 to still be able to enjoy the financial assistance by virtue of his or her grant under the STEP, an amendment has to be made on the portion of Section 4 of Executive Order No. 7, Series of 2014 for STEP Scholars;

NOW THEREFORE, I, SARA Z. DUTERTE, Mayor of the City of Davao, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the law, do hereby order the amendment of Section 4 of Executive Order No. 7, Series of 2014, as follows:

Section 1. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 4 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7, SERIES OF 2014 "FOR STEP SCHOLARS"

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Section 4 of Executive Order No. 7, Series of 2014 for STEP SCHOLARS shall now be read as follows:

BENEFITS	QUALIFICATION
<p>Part A. Scholarship on Tertiary Education Program (STEP)</p> <p>The grantee shall be entitled to a maximum of P 25,000.00 per semester but not to exceed P 50,000.00 per school year, for matriculation and allowance.</p>	<p>For Incoming Freshmen: -Must have a GPA of 93% based on Form 138 -Must Have 95% GSA based on NCAE result.</p> <p>For College Students: Must have a GPA of 93% and no grade below 87% in any and all of his subjects.</p> <p>For Lumads who will enrol in Midwifery Course: -Must have a GPA of 85% based on Form 138 -Must have 80% GSA based on NCAE result.</p>
<p>Part B. Scholarship on Tertiary Education Program Financial Assistance 1 ("STEPFA 1")</p> <p>The grantee shall be entitled to a maximum of P 20,000.00 per semester but not to exceed P450,000.00 per school year, that is inclusive of summer, for matriculation, tuition and other school fees.</p>	<p>For Incoming Freshmen: -Must have a GPA of 90% based on Form 138 -Must Have 90% GSA based on NCAE result.</p> <p>For College Students: Must have a GPA of 90% and no grade below 85% in any and all of his subjects.</p>
<p>Part C. Scholarship on Tertiary Education Program Financial Assistance 2 ("STEPFA 2")</p> <p>P 7,500.00 per semester but not to exceed P15,000.00 per school year.</p>	<p>For Incoming Freshmen: -Must have a GPA of 80% based on Form 138 -Must Have 75% GSA based on NCAE result.</p> <p>For College Students: Must have a GPA of 80% and no grade below 80% in any and all of his subjects.</p>

Provided, that any student covered by the benefits provided under RA 10931 who enrolls in a State College or University that is also covered by RA 10931 (the "Covered Scholar") shall be able to enjoy a financial benefit of up to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 7,500.00) per semester based on the following guidelines:

- a. *The enjoyment of the financial assistance shall be on a reimbursement basis;*

- b. The purchase of the following are reimbursable up to an aggregate amount of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 7,500.00) per semester:
- i. Books and other reading materials required under the course being taken by the grantee;
 - ii. School uniforms including that for Physical Education (or equivalent course), including footwear; and
 - iii. Other school related supplies and materials;
- c. The student shall file a reimbursement request with the Educational Benefit System Unit ("EBSU") as soon as practicable.

Provided, finally, that any Covered Scholar who qualifies under the STEP grant (Part A) shall also be receiving a monthly stipend of Php 1,000.00."

Section 2. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, any part or provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. EFFECTIVITY.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect unless otherwise revoked or amended.

Done in the City of Davao, this _____ day of 22 MAY 2018 2018.

[Signature]
SARA Z. DUTERTE
 City Mayor

Attested by:

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ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ
 City Administrator

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4. *Private higher education institution* refers to a HEI not owned and controlled by the government or its instrumentalities.

5. *Private technical-vocational institution* refers to post-secondary technical-vocational institution run by the private sector offering programs registered with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

6. *Qualified student* refers to any student who possesses all the qualifications under Sections 4 and 5 and none of the disqualifications under Section 6 hereof.

(1) *State-run technical-vocational institutions* refer to technical-vocational institutions operated by the TESDA or ATIS. *Provided*, That in the latter case, the same should be accredited by the PRSDA.

(2) *State universities and colleges (SUCs)* refer to public HEIs established by national laws which are financed and maintained by the national government and are governed by their respective independent boards of trustees or regents.

(3) *Student loan program for tertiary education*, refers to a loan program established under Section 8 of this Act.

(4) *Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET)* refers to the education process designed at post-secondary and lower tertiary levels, officially recognized as nondegree programs aimed at preparing technicians, paraprofessionals and other categories of middle-level workers by providing them with a broad range of general education (theoretical, scientific and technological studies, and related job skills training).

(5) *Technical-Vocational Institutions (TVIs)* refer to learning institutions offering post-secondary TVET.

(6) *Tertiary education* refers to the stage of education following the secondary cycle which covers post-secondary nondegree diploma (PNDE) and higher education programs including graduate education.

(7) *Tertiary education subsidy (TES)* refers to a subsidy established under Section 7 of this Act.

(8) *Tuition fees* refer to fees or school charges for the subjects or courses enrolled in by a tertiary education student.

(9) *Undergraduate course* refers to any program leading to a degree as may be authorized and recognized by the CHED, and

(10) *Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UNIFASST)* refers to the harmonized, state-run and administered system of higher education and technical-vocational scholarships, grants-in aid, student loans, and other modalities of student financial assistance program under Republic Act No. 10887.

SEC. 7. Free Higher Education in SUCs and LICs.

All Filipino students who are either currently enrolled at the time of the effectivity of this Act, or shall enroll at any time thereafter, in courses in pursuance of a bachelor's degree certificate degree or any comparable undergraduate degree in any SUC and LIC shall be exempt from paying tuition and other school fees for units enrolled in. *Provided*, That they pass the entrance examination and other admission and retention requirements of the SUCs and LICs. *Provided, further*, That all SUCs and LICs shall create a mechanism to enable students with the financial capacity to pay for their education in the SUC and LIC to voluntarily opt out of the tuition and other school fees subsidy or make a contribution to the school. SUCs and LICs must report the tuition payments and contributions collected from these students to the CHED. *Provided, finally*, That the amount required to implement the free tuition and other school fees in SUCs and LICs shall be determined by the respective governing boards of SUCs and LICs based on the projected number of enrollees for each academic year, which shall be the primary factor in computing the annual proposed budget of SUCs and in the case of LICs, the CHED, for such purpose. This shall in turn serve as the baseline during the preparation of the annual National Expenditure Program (NEP) by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).