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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE QUEZON CITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR SPECIALIZED COURSES FOR DESERVING STUDENTS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY AND APPROPRIATING AN INITIAL AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (PHP100,000,000.00) AS SCHOLARSHIP FUND TO BE TAKEN FROM THE MISCELLANEOUS FUND COLLECTED BY THE CITY TREASURER WHICH SHALL BE INCLUDED EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER IN THE CITY GENERAL APPROPRIATION.

Introduced by Councilor HERO CLARENCE M. BAUTISTA.
Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Lena Marie P. Juico, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Roderick M. Paulate, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Kate Abigael G. Coseteng, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Raquel S. Malañgen, Ivy Xenia L. Lagman, Marra C. Suntay, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co-Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Orlando Paulo F. Casimiro and Noe Lorenzo B. Dela Fuente III.

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, it is the policy of the State to establish and maintain a system of scholarship grants, student loan programs, subsidies and other incentives which shall be available to deserving students in both private and public schools especially to the underprivileged;

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 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 deserving students who would like to pursue specialized courses and/or degrees is necessary to respond to the emerging needs of the City Government of persons with highly technical and special skills for community development;

WHEREAS, providing this type of scholarship is consistent with the 2010 City Development Plan to make Quezon City a true Knowledge Industry Capital of the country and in line with the City's anti-poverty integration program.

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 Scholarship Program on Specialized Courses".

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

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

a. *To open opportunities to quality and specialized education.*

b. *To attain the objective of the Quezon City Government in promoting the advancement of science and technology with respect to specialized courses needed by the City.*

c. To provide the City Government with graduates of specialized courses in promoting sustainable and suitable programs for the residents of Quezon City.

SECTION 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR SPECIALIZED COURSES – There is hereby established, a Scholarship Program for Specialized Courses in Quezon City to be implemented by the Office of the City Mayor, through the Scholarship for Youth and Development Program Office (SYDP). The Specialized Courses shall be the following:

a. Foreign Service/ International Studies
b. Accountancy
c. Environmental Science/ Environmental Planning
d. Urban and Regional Planning
e. Urban Economics
f. Engineering
g. Architecture
h. Statistics
i. Information and Communication Technology
j. Social Work and Community Development
k. Child Development
l. Public Health
m. Public Order and Safety
n. Urban Sociology

SECTION 5. SCHOLARSHIP SCREENING COMMITTEE (SSC) – There is hereby created a Scholarship Screening Committee (SSC), tasked to screen and evaluate applicants and submit recommendations to the City Mayor for approval.

SECTION 6. QUALIFICATIONS OF BENEFICIARIES – The following shall be the minimum qualifications of the beneficiaries to the Scholarship Program:

a. *The grantee or his/her parents has been a resident of Quezon City for at least six (6) months from the opening of the period of availment as evidenced by any duly issued government identification card;*

b. *The grantee is a graduate of any public or private high school located in Quezon City;*

c. *The grantee is currently enrolled in any of the specialized courses or is entering as freshman of any of the Specialized Courses;*

d. *The grantee will only enroll in one of the top universities of the country and/or in an educational institution offering specialized courses identified by the City Scholarship Screening Committee (SSC); and*

e. *The grantee will only enroll on any of the courses prescribed under Section 4 hereof.*

SECTION 7. LIMITATION – Only one (1) member of the family can avail of this grant within a school year period and a first time applicant.

SECTION 8. TERMS AND CONDITIONS – The scholarship shall cover one (1) academic year and may be renewed, upon application, until he/she completes the degree unless sooner terminated for violation of any of the following terms and conditions:

a. *The grantee shall enroll immediately in the semester following the approval of his application for scholarship assistance.*

b. *He/She shall carry the full semester load prescribed by the school for the particular year level or course.*

c. *Courses to be taken shall be approved by the Scholarship Screening Committee (SSC).*

d. *The grantee will be provided an amount, to be determined by the Scholarship Screening Committee (SSC), for tuition fee and stipend per year covering the following academic schedules such as semester, trimester and terms.*

e. The grantee shall maintain a general weighted average grade of 1.75 or its equivalent with no failing grade as a condition for renewal of scholarship every semester. However, those with failing grade may be placed under Probationary status and his scholarship privilege may be restored subject to the recommendation of the Scholarship Screening Committee.

f. The thesis topic shall be reviewed, approved and prescribed by the City Government.

g. Beneficiaries shall finish the specialized course/degree for five years notwithstanding the rules on Maximum Residency Requirement (MRR). In no case shall the course be finished beyond the prescribed years.

h. He/She shall actively participate in community/special projects initiated by the City Government for the duration of his scholarship.

i. He/She shall serve the Quezon City Government for at least two (2) years after completion of the course.

SECTION 9. GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF GRANT – The following shall be the grounds for termination of the grant:

a. Non-fulfillment of scholarship and financial assistance requirements.

b. Academic deficiencies.

c. Violations of the terms and conditions set forth under the scholarship grant.

d. Falsification of official grades/records.

e. Abandonment of grant and/or non-communication with SYDP office for one semester despite the efforts exerted by the latter to communicate.

f. Conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude.

g. Other causes as may be determined by the SYDP.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION – An initial amount of One Hundred Million Pesos (Php100,000,000.00) shall be appropriated which shall be taken from the Miscellaneous Fund of the City General Appropriation and said amount may be increased by the City Mayor, if he deems it necessary, through Supplemental Budget during the first year of implementation.

SECTION 11. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOLARSHIP FUND – There is hereby created a Scholarship Fund to finance the Scholarship Program of the Quezon City Government. The Scholarship Fund with an initial allocation of One Hundred Million Pesos (Php100,000,000.00) shall be taken from the Miscellaneous Fund collected by the City Treasurer and a separate trust fund account shall be maintained for that purpose.

SECTION 12. CREATION OF AD-HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE FORMULATION OF IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – An Ad-Hoc Committee shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations who shall submit the same within sixty (60) days from the time of the approval of the Ordinance. The Ad-Hoc Committee shall be created and composed of the following:

a. *The City Mayor or his authorized representative as Chairperson;*

b. *The SYDP Head as Vice-Chair*

c. *The City Budget Officer or her authorized representative as Member*

d. *The City Planning & Development Department Head or his authorized representative as Member; and*

e. *The City Personnel Head or her authorized representative as Member.*

SECTION 13. 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 14. REPEALING CLAUSE – All ordinances, resolutions, memorandums and executive orders issued and approved are hereby repealed or modified accordingly if found to be inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY – This Ordinance shall take effect after thirty (30) days following its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED: July 2, 2018.

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Secretary

APPROVED: 04 SEP 2018

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on July 2, 2018 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on August 13, 2018.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Secretary