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U.P. -GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS (R.A. NO.5549) RULES

These rules and regulations shall implement R.A. No. 5549 or the U.P.-Government Scholarships. Their implementation shall be vested in the University Committee on Scholarships and Financial Assistance which shall (1) lay down policy guidelines for government-sponsored and privately-donated scholarship programs; (2) assess them and the goals which they should achieve; (3) consider new possibilities for expanding the form and extent of student financial assistance services in the University; and (4) act as an advisory body on other matters relating to student scholarships in the University.

1. Administration

- a. The Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs shall take charge of the administration of the scholarship program under policies and rules to be approved by the University Committee on Scholarships and Financial Assistance.
- b. Not more than five percent (5%) of the Fund shall be expended for administrative purposes for any fiscal year.

2. Selection of Scholar

a. Fields of Study

Generally, each scholar shall be free to choose his own field of study. However, the awarding shall be subject to two limitations:

- (1) the number of scholarships available each year
- (2) the internal regulations based on the statutory allocation of sixty percent (60%) of the scholarships to be the following fields; natural and physical sciences, engineering, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, economics and public administration.

The remainder of the scholarships for any given year (40%) shall be limited to the Professional, Social Sciences and Humanities courses outside of the fields of study mentioned in Section 2a(2).

b. Privileges and Benefits

The Scholarships intend to cover the costs of education until the student finishes his degree program. For each academic year covered by an award of scholarship, the recipient shall be entitled to the following uniform allowances:

(1) School Expenses

- (a) tuition and other fees (as assessed) except student fund
- (b) books allowance- P 2,000.00 per semester

(2) Monthly Stipend – P 2,000.00

c. Qualifications for the Competitive Examination

Applicants for the competitive examinations shall be senior high school students who possess the following qualifications:

- (1) they must be financially deserving. A student is financially deserving if his financial situation qualifies him/het STFAP Bracket C or lower. A copy of the income tax return filed by such father or other person for the year immediately preceding the award of scholarship, duly attested to by the appropriate officer of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, shall be submitted to the University Committee on Scholarships and Financial Assistance;

- (2) they must be citizens of the Philippines;

d. Competitive Examinations

The U.P. College Admissions Test shall serve as the basis for awarding the U.P.-Government Scholarships.

e. Award of Scholarships

Each candidate shall indicate his field of study at the time he applies for the U.P. College Admissions Test. Scholarships shall be awarded according to the rank order of all applicants with due cognizance to the provision of Section 1 (a) of the law. The complete list of awardees shall be publicized as widely as possible.

3. Conditions of Scholarships

- a. An awardee under these rules can enjoy a maximum of two grants (government, private or STFAP), provided that:

1. Allowance for tuition and related fees will be enjoyed only once.
 2. Combined living allowance of the two grants shall not exceed P 7,000.00 per month.
 3. There is no restriction in either scholarship on availment of more than one grant. (BOR-1147th meeting on 12/21/00)
- b. Each awardee shall enroll for the semester immediately following the examination in which they qualified. No deferment shall be allowed except for substantial and valid reasons and only upon the approval of the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs.
- c. An awardee shall reimburse the amount received in connection with his scholarship in case he abandons the grant without due cause.
- Excepting for unusual circumstances and with the proper permission of the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs or his counterpart, each awardee shall carry each semester the full load prescribed by his program of study or not less than 15 units a semester or 30 units for one academic year.

An awardee must not drop any course except for cause and upon prior approval of the University Committee on Scholarships and Financial Assistance. An awardee may drop at most one course every semester and he cannot drop the same course more than once. To qualify for a renewal of the scholarship, the awardee must:

- (1) Maintain a weighted average of at least "2.5" computed at the end of one academic year.
- (2) Not get a grade of "5". Any grade of "4" or "Inc." must be removed before the immediately following registration period. A grade of "4" which is removed successfully will become "3" for purposes of computing the average.
- (3) Not have been the subjects of disciplinary action involving more than a five-day suspension from classes.
- (4) Must finish the non-academic requirements like NSTP and Physical Education within the first three years of scholarship.

In case an awardee fails to meet any of the above conditions, the award of scholarship shall be ipso facto terminated. However, an awardee may be reinstated in the semester immediately following two successive semesters upon obtaining a weighted average as provided in Rule 3 c (1). Reinstatement will be allowed only once.

- d. A U.P.-Government scholar shall be allowed a maximum of two additional semesters beyond the number of semesters required by his degree program.
- e. The scholarship may be extended during summer to anyone required to take courses that are in accordance with the approved curriculum, given only during summer. School fees and living allowance for two months will be given.
- f. No awardee shall be allowed to transfer from one degree program to another except for meritorious cases and only upon the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, subjects to quota limitations in the field of study, and the approval of the University Committee on Scholarships and Financial Assistance. In no case beyond the First Semester of his third year in the University.

- g. No awardee shall be allowed to go on leave of absence without prior approval of the University Committee on Scholarships and Financial Assistance.

4. Deferment of Scholarship

If for any substantial and valid reason duly found by the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, a scholar shall be unable to enroll for a semester or longer period, his right to the scholarship shall be deferred until he is able to begin or resume his studies.

5. Disputed Matters

All questions or disputes concerning award or enjoyment of scholarship as well as privileges or obligations incidental thereto, shall first be determined by the University Committee on Scholarships and Financial Assistance. Its decision shall be promulgated after hearing with due notice to all interested parties. The decision may within thirty (30) days from receipt be appealed to the President, whose decision shall be final.