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**COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**



**CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER**

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**SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR THE EXPANDED STUDENTS' GRANTS-IN-AID PROGRAM FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION (ESGP-PA) AWARD**

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of the Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994" and pursuant to the Commission en Banc Resolution No. 262 dated April 18, 2016, the Commission hereby approves the following Guidelines for the Expanded Students' Grants-In-Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation (ESGP-PA) Award:

**I. Rationale**

As part of the Government's recognition of the efforts of the student-grantees under ESGP-PA who completed their chosen field with academic excellence and/or received leadership awards, a special token in a form of medal will be given. Said medals will be in two (2) categories namely: graduates with academic excellence and graduates with leadership award given by the school.

**II. Objectives**

The objectives of the ESGP-PA Award are to:

1. Identify graduates who excelled in their academics and graduates who received leadership award given by the school;
2. Serve as a recognition for the immense effort in completing a college education considering their humble circumstances; and
3. Provide motivation to strive for excellence.

**III. Medal Categories**

Medals to be given will be in two (2) categories:

1. Graduates with academic award - for graduates with academic excellence; and
2. Graduates with leadership award - for graduates with leadership award given by the school.

#### IV. Criteria

1. Graduating ESGP-PA student-grantees who are candidate for academic distinction of either a summa cum laude, magna cum laude or cum laude;
2. Graduating ESGP-PA student-grantees with exemplary qualities of leadership as awarded by the school; and
3. Student grantees may receive both academic and leadership awards as appropriate.

#### V. Procedure

1. Medals will be procured by the Office of Student Development and Services (OSDS) through the Higher Education Development Fund (HEDF);
2. It will be distributed to the concerned State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) through the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Regional Offices according to the estimated number of student-grantees who will receive academic distinction and leadership award;
3. The respective SUCs will present the medals to the graduates during the Commencement Exercises. In the event that CHED officials will be present during the commencement exercises, said medals will be awarded by the highest ranking CHED official present;
4. SUCs written reports regarding the awarding of medals will be submitted by the concerned SUCs to CHED-OSDS through the CHED Regional Office not later than the last day of April. Said reports should include testimonials, pictures and video clips; and
5. Reports should be sent in both hard and soft copies to the OSDS, 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr., HEDC Bldg., C.P. Garcia Ave., Diliman, Quezon City through registered mail and email at [oss@ched.gov.ph](mailto:oss@ched.gov.ph).

For strict compliance.

Quezon City, Philippines November 28, 2016.



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