

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL, ORMOC CITY HALL BUILDING ON MAY 11, 2017

PRESENT:

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ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS: Rolando M. Villasencio,

(Tacloban City), SP Member, Majority Floor Leader

ON LEAVE: Gregorio G. Yrastorza III,

SP Member

PREFATORY STATEMENT

WHEREAS it can be learned that although the Philippines has a good school attendance rate, it is still estimated that 6.2 million primary-school aged children are not in school. Sometimes it's because they live in an area affected by disaster, there aren't knough teachers, they can't afford books or uniforms, or they have to work to support their ramity. Senator Bam Aquino noted that 2 out of 5 high school graduates do not pursue tertiary education, hindered by the high tuition fees in addition to miscellaneous expenses incurred while studying. After spending many years working hard to make ends meet in order to put their children through school to obtain a high school diploma, it is often a disappointment to students who face the choice between working to help their family or sacrificing the education of other siblings so that one may be sent to college

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the Constitution provides that "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, Section 458 (a) (5) (xi) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod, as the legislative body of the city, shall establish a scholarship fund for the poor but deserving students in schools located within its jurisdiction or for students residing within the city.

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WHEREAS, Tertiary education is a valuable key that can help Filipino families break out of the poverty cycle, as families headed by tertiary degree holders earn, on average, two times as much as families who do not have post secondary education. However, higher education is often only available to middle and higher income families who can afford to reap the benefits of obtaining a post secondary education while poor families continue struggling to reach beyond their current economic situation. In other words, the scholarship program is a tool and an instrument and giving an opportunity. By unlocking this opportunity, poor and low income families stand to benefit the most and will be empowered both economically and socially to be able to fully participate in our democratic nation.

WHEREAS, investing more in human resources is imperative in order to free the city's poor constituents from the cycle of poverty. Ensuring the completion of a college education of a member in each family in the city will not only improve the poor's social and economic standing but will likewise boast the development of the city, maintaining a skilled and educated workforce being vital for economic growth.

WHEREAS, to realize this, there is a need to maintain if not increase the fund allocation for the city's scholarship program and to devise a system that will ensure greater number of grantees and participation thereto as well as maintain its sustainability.

WHEREAS, Ormoc City government is already implementing a scholarship program for many years but the institutionalization is necessary to ensure fund allocation as well as to centralize the operations for easy monitoring of the program.

WHEREAS, the above mandate can be done and said objective can be achieved by the enactment of this ordinance and the corresponding appropriation of the required funds.

WHEREFORE. FOREGOING PREMISES CONSIDERED, on motion of SP Member Nolito M. Quilang, Chairman, Committee on Education, Culture & the Arts, severally seconded by SP Members Vincent L. Rama, Tomas R. Serafica, Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr., Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga, John Eulalio Nepomuceno O. Aparis II, Lea Doris C. Villar, Marlo M. Rodriguez and Mariano Y. Corro; be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to enact:

ORDINANCE NO. 028

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ORMOC CITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND ITS IMPLEMENTING STRUCTURES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the 14th Sangguniang Panlungsod in Regular Session assembled That:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This local legislation shall be known as the "Ormoc City , Scholarship Program Ordinance."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. Pursuant to a constitutional declaration that accessible and quality education is an alienable right of Filipino citizens, it is the City's declared policy to protect and promote the right of its constituents to quality education at all levels. Recognizing education as a priority program, the City is thus establishing an access mechanism to education for its poor but deserving students thereby guaranteeing the completion of the college or technical and vocational education as a means of ensuring productive and meaningful participation in the society. It is also a policy of the City Government that all children in the City are able to finish high school education and therefore provide for financial assistance to the children from the poorest of the poor families to finish their high school education and be given opportunity to pursue an academic course through scholarship grant for college education or to a vocational course completion.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- (a) "Scholar" or "grantee" refers to a poor but deserving college or technical vocational student or elementary or high school student qualified as beneficiary and given the financial assistance herein provided;
- (b) "Program" refers to the Ormoc City Scholarship Program herein established for poor but deserving students in college or technical degrees and courses. It also covers financial assistance to poor elementary and high school students;
- (c) Basic Education Program refers to education levels from elementary level up to senior high school level;

(d) "Office" – refers to the Scholarship Office herein created and mandated to administer and implement the city's scholarship program;

"Board" – refers to the Scholarship Board herein created as a governing, policy-making, advisory and recommendatory body in the implementation of the city's scholarship program;

- "Poor refers to an individual belonging to a family with an income that do not exceed the minimum wage prescribed by the Regional Tripartite Wage and Productivity Board (RTWPB) for Eastern Visayas which may be subject to change upon determination of the RTWPB;
- (g) "Poorest of the Poor" shall mean an individual belonging to a family with an income that do not exceed the amount equivalent to the Regional Food Threshold duly verified by the City Social Welfare and Development Office. Food threshold is defined by Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) as the minimum income required to meet basic food needs and satisfy the nutritional requirements set by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) to ensure that one remains economically and socially productive. It is used to measure extreme or subsistence poverty;
- (h) "Gainful employment or source of livelihood" shall mean work, business or undertaking of whatever nature that gives the earner a monthly income of at least triple the prescribed minimum wage in the City net of taxes and other statutory impositions; and

 "Technical Vocational Education & Training (TVET) – refers to the education or training process which involves, in addition to general education, the study of technologies and related sciences and the acquisition of practical skills relating to occupations in various sectors of economic and social life.

SECTION 4. COVERAGE AND ELIGIBILTY- All children and youth in Ormoc City who are poor but deserving students and are currently enrolled at the time of effectivty of this ordinance, or shall enroll at any time thereafter, in courses in pursuance of a bachelor's degree or any comparable undergraduate degree or completion certificate in any technical and vocational courses are eligible for admission to the program, provided that: (a) only one (1) member in the family shall be granted scholarship to college or technical and vocational courses, (b) the student shall enroll in any tertiary institution or TESDA accredited school or institute of learning within the city or in a state college or university outside the cit, but within the region; (c) the student meets the admission requirements of the school where they intend to enroll in, and (d) passed the written examination and personal interview conducted under this scholarship program.

Poorest of the poor families may seek financial assistance for their children to be able to finish elementary and high school education subject to guidelines approved by the Scholarship Board.

SECTION 5. QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS Eligible applicants shall meet the following qualifications at the time of application:

For individuals applying for a scholarship to pursue academic courses:

- a) A Filipino citizen;
- b) Applicant and his/her family are permanent residents of the City of Ormoc subject further to the guidelines of the Scholarship Board;
- c) With good moral character and without any derogatory record;
- 1) A senior high school graduate with at least 80% average grade and no failing grade in any subject during his/her Grade 12 year;
- 1) If currently enrolled in college, applicant must have a weighted average or at least 2.5 or 80% in the semester in college prior to the application to scholarship and with no failing grade and no incomplete grade in that semester prior to application;

Has passed the entrance examination, if required, of the school where he or she intends to enroll;

From a poor family especially those classified as poorest of the poor; and Not presently enjoying any scholarship or study grant.

For individuals applying for a scholarship to pursue TVET Program:

- a) A Filipino citizen;
- b) Applicant and his/her family are permanent residents of the City of Ormoc subject further to the guidelines of the Scholarship Board;
- c) Must be at least eighteen (18) years old. Target beneficiaries who are seventeen (17) years old can avail of the scholarship, provided that they reached the mandatory age requirement of eighteen (18) years old by the time they finish the training program;
- d) Educational Attainment entry requirement shall be based on industry requirements or as prescribed in the applicable Training Regulations;
- e) Can either be out—of- school youths, unemployed, and TVET trainers, technology and livelihood teachers or industry workers obtaining skills upgrading training programs;
 - f) Priority shall be given to those without prior formal or vocational training and from poor families or poorest of the poor;

- g) Other clientele groups such as persons with disability (PWD), solo parents and their children, women, and senior citizens shall be afforded access to scholarships opportunities in the qualifications/courses where they can qualify; and
- h) Must not be currently a beneficiary of other scholarship and subsidy program.

Those applying for financial assistance to finish basic education program are subject to separate guidelines to be issued by the Scholarship Board.

SECTION 6. DISQUALIFIED TO APPLY TO THE CITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The following are hereby disqualified and deemed ineligible for the grant:

- a) Persons who have already attained a bachelor's degree or equivalent degree from any higher education institution, whether public or private;
- b) Persons who have been dishonorably discharged from any higher education institution, whether public or private, for any reason other than financial difficulty in paying tuition fee and other fees;
- c) Persons who have been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude;
- d) Persons coming from a family with a member who is already a grantee of the city scholarship program; and
- e) Persons who are disqualified or terminated of any scholarship grant;

SECTION 7. SELECTION PROCESS OF APPLICANTS – The applicants shall be selected from the following processes:

- (a) Applicants who meet the eligibility and qualification requirements under Section 5 shall then go through the selection process.
- (b) The Applicant shall fill up the prescribed application form for scholarship and must submit the following documents to the Scholarship Office, to wit:
 - 1) Latest BIA Income Tax Return (ITR) or certificate of tax exemption of applicant's parents/guardians;
 - An affidavit of applicant's parents/guardians stating the reason for not filing the Income Tax Return (ITR), if the above first requirement is not applicable;
 - Affidavit of Insufficient Income or case assessment certification from CSWDO showing that the applicant comes from a poor or poorest of the poor family;
 - Senior High School Report Card (Form 138) for those entering college or official enrolment certificate and statement of accounts for those with college units;
 - 5) Official report of ratings or certificate of grades for the last semester attended issued by the school registrar/dean, with an average of not lower than 2.5 or 80% for those with college units.

Items 4 & 5 above may not be required for applicants to vocational and technical courses.

(c) Must pass the written examination and interview administered by the (d) Board or Scholarship Office and should funds be insufficient to cover all those who will be selected the applicant must get into the rank included in the total number that can be accommodated.

- (d) Accepted applicants to the scholarship grant shall be notified immediately through posting in three (3) conspicuous places in the New City Hall of Ormoc City. The Scholarship Office may send a text message to the accepted applicants for initial advice but the said posting is considered as the official source of the results of the scholarship grants. The list of those accepted shall also be posted in the webpage of the City Government.
- (e) In case the grantee does not confirm to the notice of acceptance to the scholarship program within thirty (30) days from the first day of posting, the slot shall be awarded to next-in-rank referred to under item (c);
- (f) The accepted applicant shall then attend the orientation session to be conducted by the Scholarship Office; and
- (g) Contract Signing Scholarship Agreement shall be executed by and between the city and the grantee with the latter, if still a minor, being assisted by his parents or guardian pursuant to Section 9 of this ordinance.

The Scholarship Board shall come up with separate guidelines for those in need of educational assistance to finish elementary and high school education.

SECTION 8. PRIORITY ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAMS- For those pursuing the college academic degree courses, the scholarship program shall be in force for the duration of the 4-5 year course, unless earlier terminated due to failure of the scholar to comply with the terms and conditions of the City Scholarship Programs and/or the school rules and regulations.

The Scholarship Board shall determine the courses to be given priority for funding under the City Scholarship Program taking into consideration the CHED priority courses for the region.

SECTION 9. SC. WOLARSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS – To maintain the status of scholarship under the City Scholarship Program, the scholar shall observe the following terms and conditions:

- a) To continue the full benefit under this program, the scholar for an academic vegree shall comply with the following scholastic requirements.
 - a.1. Maintain a semestral average of 2.0 or 85%
 - a.2. Must not fail in any subject
 - a.3. Have not dropped any subject
 - a.4. Must not have an incomplete grade in any subject
- (b) The scholar should not stop schooling in any semester of his/her 4-5 years course except for meritorious reasons such as serious illness, serious injury or other circumstances that are beyond the control of the scholar subject to the verification and approval of the scholarship board and subject further to school rules and regulations;
- (c) The scholar shall enroll in full/regular load each semester as prescribed by the curriculum of the chosen course;
- (d) Except when required by the course curriculum, a scholar may enroll in summer classes at his/her own expense. Likewise, monthly stipend shall not be provided under the City Scholarship Program;

- (e) In case of any delay in the release of grades, enrollment shall be allowed for the succeeding semester subject to the condition that grades shall be submitted to the Scholarship Office within the succeeding semester. Any delay in the grades should be settled within the succeeding semester otherwise it is assumed to be a failing grade. In cases where all the grades are submitted within the succeeding semester and the scholar failed to comply with the scholastic requirements, the scholar shall be allowed to finish the semester after which the scholarship support shall automatically end and the scholar is terminated from the scholarship program.
- (f) SHIFTING OF COURSE A scholar maybe allowed to shift to another course only once within the first two years of college subject to the approval of the Scholarship Board. It is a condition that the scholar completes the new course within the duration of the original course. No extension shall be allowed. It is a requirement that the second course chosen must also be in the list of priority courses under Section 7 of this ordinance.
- (g) TRANSFER OF SCHOOL A scholar shall not be allowed to transfer to another school during the duration of the course.
- (h) COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT A scholar shall actively participate in a community project or those programs and projects of the City Government and is encouraged to be active in social involvement activities of the school.
- (i) The scholar shall submit the following every after end of the semester:
 (1) Authenticated copy of final grades every after end of the semester;
 - (2) Certification from school that the scholar has not participated in any offense involving moral turpitude;
 - (3) Certification from Dean's office that the scholar has participated in community service and activities.

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SECTION 10. SCHOLARSHIP CONTRACT – The City government and the scholar shall enter into a contract to govern the terms and conditions of the scholarsnip. The parents or legal guardian shall serve as guarantors of the scholars adroited to the program.

The Scholarship Contract shall include the terms and conditions of the program, requirement for scholarship maintenance, the undertaking to comply with the obligations set forth in Section 8 hereof and such provisions necessary and in furtherance of the objectives of the program. It shall also include a provision for return service subject to the implementing rules that the Scholarship Board will issue.

SECTION 11. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS. A scholar shall be entitled to the following benefits, to wit:

For those pursuing academic courses

- (a) Amount The maximum amount that may be granted under this program shall be Eighteen Thousand Pesos (P18,000.00) per semester to cover tuition and other school fees which shall be payable directly to the school where the scholar is enrolled. In cases where a school adopts a trimester system academic calendar, the amount granted for tuition and school fees under this program shall be subject to the guidelines set by the Scholarship Board.
- (b) Stipend A monthly stipend of TWO THOUSAND PESOS (PhP 2,000.00).
- (c) Textbook allowance a semestral allocation for books in the amount of TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00) per semester subject to liquidation of said expenses.
- (d) Graduation allowance for expenses during graduation in the amount of THREE THOUSAND PESOS (3,000.00).
- (e) Current Scholars Discretion is given to the City Mayor whether or not current scholars are immediately placed under this new set up. For incoming scholars or grantees beginning academic year 2017-2018, they shall be instantly covered thereof. The educational assistance under the CSWDO shall also be transferred to the program under this ordinance and shall now be subject to the terms and conditions of the city scholarship program.

Other Courses

The Scholarship Board shall recommend to the City Mayor the scholarship benefits for those enrolling in technical and vocational courses and the amount of financial assistance for those in the elementary and high school education.

SECTION 12. RETURN SERVICE BEQUIREMENT AND REPAYMENT. After graduation, all grantees to the City Scholarship Program under the academic degree program shall be required to work in the City Government or in private companies and industries located in Ormoc City for a minimum period of two (2) years subject to implementing rules and guidelines issued by the Scholarship Board.

Any grantee who failed to comply with return service requirements and other terms specified herein shall be required to repay the city government within two (2) years after obtaining gainful employment or source of livelihood.

The scholar is also given an option to pay the City Government of the cost of the grant should he or she desires to pursue other degrees or if he/she decides to work overseas instead of complying with return service requirement.

The grantees shall endeavor to provide educational assistance to his/her siblings. They shall also actively participate in community involvement activities such as mentoring programs and others.

Any Amount collected under this provision shall form part of the trust fund as provided for in Section 19 hereof.

SECTION 13. INCENTIVES. Those scholarship grantees who will graduate with academic honors may be granted appropriate incentives subject to the guidelines issued by the Scholarship Board and subject to the availability of funds.

The City Government of Ormoc shall give priority to scholarship grantees who graduated with honors in job placements. The Human Resources Management Office (HRMO) of the City Government shall include this requirement in the Human Resource Development Program (HRDP) of Ormoc City.

SECTION 14. SCHOLARSHIP BOARD. To perform the policy and regulatory functions of the scholarship program, a Scholarship Board is hereby created and composed of the following:

(a) The City Mayor as Chairman and presiding officer;

(b) The Chairman, Committee on Education of the Sangguniang Panlungsod;

- (c) The City Human Resource Management Officer;
- (d) The City Planning and Development Officer;
- (e) The City Budget Officer;
- (f) The City Social Welfare and Development Officer;
- (g) The Division Superintendent or authorized representative, Qrmod City Division;
- (h) The Public Employment Service Office (PESO) Manager
- (i) The Chairperson or his representative, City Youth Development Councily
- (j) Two (2) representatives from private and business sector; and
- (k) One representative from the academe

A representative from TESDA Provincial Office, CHED Regional Office and other relevant agencies may be invited as resource persons to the Board when necessary.

They shall elect from a nong themselves the Vice-chairman of the Board who shall automatically take over in the absence or inability of the chairman to preside the meeting or perform the duties of the position.

SECTION 15 POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD. The Scholarship Board shall have the following powers and functions, to wit:

- (a) Issue rules and regulations necessary for the proper implementation of this ordinance.
 - Establish and develop such programs and activities that shall be required of the scholars and/or their parents to participate in and ensure the scholars' active cooperation and full development as responsible members of the society;
- (c) In collaboration with the Scholarship Office, conduct review every three (3) years of the program's performance in terms, among others, of total number of beneficiaries, their field of study, the grantees' academic performance and their family income classification;
- d) Given the prevailing situation in Ormoc City and the global work demands, provide list of courses to be given priority under the coverage of this program;
- (e) Manage and administer the scholarship fund and devise a reporting mechanism to be implemented by the partner schools which will detail the exact amount of tuition fee grants availed of by persons eligible for full tuition support under this ordinance;
- (f) Resolve and mediate disputes concerning eligibility or disqualification of persons from the scholarship; and
- (g) Exercise such other powers and duties as will promote and expand relevant educational opportunities for needy and deserving students and those necessary for the full implementation of the provisions of the ordinance.

SECTION 16. MEETINGS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD- For Purposes of exercising the powers and functions given it and without prejudice to a special meeting that may be called as the needs arises, the Board shall hold a regular semestral meeting.

SECTION 17. SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE. A Scholarship Office is hereby created and integrated under the Youth Development Office (YDO) and shall be managed by a program officer. The Youth Development Office staff may be augmented to strengthen capacity to manage scholarship program through any or a combination of the following options:

- a) Designation or assignment of personnel to the YDO in concurrent capacities with their existing positions;
- b) Reassignment of personnel of the City to the YDO; and
- c) Full-time or part-time detail of existing personnel to the YDQ

SECTION 18. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP OF ICE. The powers and functions of said office shall be as follows:

- (a) Serve as secretariat of the Scholarship Board;
- (b) Administer and promote participation to the program;
- (c) Provide all public schools information regarding the various Scholarship and Financial Assistance programs or grants available;
- (d) Submit to the Board processed applications as well as the cancellation or revocation of grants;
- (e) Monitor performance of the scholars and keep track of them, especially after their availment of the benefits of the program;
- (f) Submit a yearly Status Report of the program to the Board for the latter's consideration and submission to the Sangguniang Panlungsod and the City Mayor:
- g) Coordinate with donors or patrons regarding the status of their scholars;
- (h) In coordination with the City Legal Officer, develop a system of collecting payments of grants under the program;
 - Coordinate with the City Social Welfare and Development Office as well as the Department of Social Welfare and Development and, with the guidance of the School Board, undertake necessary acts to ensure compliance with the prioritization provision;
- (j) Process vouchers and other supporting documents for the scholars;
- (k) Keep track and monitor the grantees of the program after their graduation and where feasible, establish an association with all the grantees and mobilize them how they can help to sustain and strengthen the program;
- Coordinate and assist those institutions and organizations with scholarship grants in their recruitment and actively negotiate for more scholars from Ormoc City;
- (m) Assist, coordinate with and monitor the barangays in the implementation of their respective tertiary scholarship program pursuant to the mandate herein provided; and
- (n) Perform such other powers and function that may be assigned to it.

SECTION 19. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION. The Scholarship Office shall conduct a regular information dissemination campaign about this Program particularly in the months of February and March of any given year prior to the conduct of the qualifying examination herein contemplated. The Scholarship Office may also send correspondence containing this program and such other scholarship programs or grants that the national government or any public or private entity as well as any foreign government or donor is sponsoring to the principals or head teachers of all public high schools. Posting in their respective bulletin boards shall likewise be made.

Announcement may also be done through the local tri-media.

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION. For purposes of this program, the sum of EIGHT MILLION PESOS (PHP 8,000,000.00) shall be provided for in the annual budget of the City Government of Ormoc or such higher amount deemed necessary shall be appropriated in every succeeding budget year thereafter. The unspent balance at the end of the calendar year shall be transferred to a specific trust fund intended for scholarship grants and financial assistance.

Should the fund allocation be insufficient to accommodate all applicants in a given period, priority shall be given to those who obtained higher rating in the examination and interview administered under the program.

For those applying for technical and vocational courses, the City Government shall try to accommodate all qualified applicants to the Ormoc City Manpower Training Center or other registered courses of CESDA in Ormoc City.

For those applying for basic education program grant, the Scholarship Board shall come up with guidelines on how best the poorest of the poor especially the street children can be given priority in the financial assistance and it will also consider those that any receiving support from the 4Ps.

SECTION 21. LOVATIONS. The Scholarship Office may accept donations from any donor or patron, whether individual or entity. The funds received from donations shall also be deposited in the same trust fund created for scholarship subject to accounting and auditing rules

SECTION 22. TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP – The scholarship grant shall be terminated in the following cases:

- a. Failure to maintain a general weighted average of 2.0 or 85%;
- b Non-compliance of the scholarship terms and conditions under Section 8 of this ordinance;
- Violation of the scholarship contract;
- d. Forging or falsification of official grades or records;
- e. Abandonment of scholarship and/or non-communication with the city for one semester despite efforts exerted by the scholarship office to communicate; and
- f. Conviction of a crime.

SECTION 23. BARANGAY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - All Barangays of this City are hereby mandated to have their own Scholarship Program which may be availed of by poor and deserving students in their respective barangays subject to the same or such better policy, system, standards, requirements, rules and procedures herein provided, and subject further to the availability funds;

To ensure uniformity as well as maintain integrity, no other office or entity shall give and administer the entrance and/or examination requirement to the Program but the Scholarship Office referred to herein.

To realize this mandate, each barangay may allocate a sum from their SK funds or other sources in their annual budget for scholarship purposes. The said scholarship grant shall be integrated in the relevant plans of the barangay such as Child Plan, GAD Plan, Youth Development Plan and relevant others.

SECTION 24. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any provision of ordinance, rules and regulations and/or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 25. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this act, the City Mayor, through the assistance and recommendation of the Scholarship Board, shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance. The Scholarship Office shall serve as secretariat and ensure that the Board shall be convened immediately after the passage of this ordinance to facilitate the formulation of the implementing rules and to submit this to the City Mayor for final approval.

SECTION 26. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any portion or provisions of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 27. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and after compliance with publication and posting requirements pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991.

ENACTED, May 11, 2017.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this ordinance one each to the City Mayor Richard I. Gomez; the City Administrator, Mr. Vincent L. Emnas; the Acting City Legal Officer, Atty. Marcelo C. Offate; the Human Resource Management Office; the City Planning and Development Office; the City Budget Office; the City Accounting Office; the City Treasurer's Office; the City Auditor's Office; the DepEd Office, Ormoc City Division; the Public Employment Services Office; the City Youth Development Council, the President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc; the OIC-City Director, DILG; and all other offices concerned;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above ordinance.

MARIA ANTONIETA G. CO HAT (OIC – SP Secretary) Supervising Administrative Officer

ATTESTED:

LEO CARMELO L. LOCSIN, JR.

Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

ICHARD I. GOM City Mayo (Date