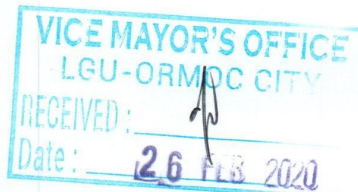
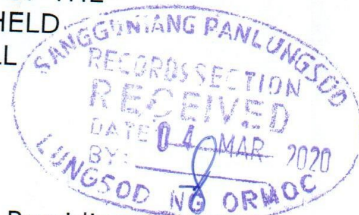


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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
FIFTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD  
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL  
ON FEBRUARY 24, 2020 IN LIEU OF  
FEBRUARY 25, 2020



PRESENT:

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Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc  
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The right to health is guaranteed by the 1987 Constitution. Section 15 of Article II of the 1987 Constitution prescribes that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. This is re-enforced by Article XIII, Section 11 which in no uncertain terms lays down the national health policy as it states: "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. These provisions in the 1987 Constitution is pursued in the Local Government Code which mandates that Local Government Units to provide health services to its constituents which include on primary health care, maternal and child care, communicable and non-communicable disease control services, access to secondary and tertiary health services.

The provision of medical services requires competent manpower. In the case of health services, laws and regulations require local government units to ensure presence of health workers particularly medical doctors. The lack of medical doctors hampers the effective delivery of health services especially to the communities. This is a major challenge the local government units face. In the case of Ormoc City, a number of positions for doctors are unfilled because of absence of applicants. Two or three districts do not have full time doctors. This is also making the remaining doctors overworked because they have to fill in the gaps for those districts with no doctors and these are in addition to their regular loads of handling a district and as focal points to various health programs.

There is no other way but for local government units to be innovative in resolving this lack of doctors. The City Government learned from other LGUs who already started their scholarship grants for those interested in pursuing medicine. The City Government of Ormoc finds this approach effective in ensuring supply of doctors for Ormoc City in the future.



The said scholarship grants meet two pronged goals. First, is to fulfill a constitutional duty of the government to make education accessible to all as prescribed under Article 14, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution. In fact in Paragraph (3) of Section 2, Article 14 of the same constitution, the government is directed to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a system of a scholarship grant, student loan programs, subsidies, and other incentive which shall be available to deserving students in both public and private schools, especially to the underprivileged. Second, more than making tertiary education more accessible, the scholarship grants will also ensure supply of doctors for Ormoc City in the future.

This Ordinance will hopefully make delivery of services more effective and more efficient and strengthen the capacity of the City Government to respond to the challenges especially in meeting the demand for health services.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Nolito M. Quilang, Chairman, Committee on Education together with SP Members Eusebio Gerardo Penserga, Vice-Chairman, Committee on Education and SP Member Lalaine Marcos, Member, Committee on Education, severally seconded by SP Members Peter M. Rodriguez, Jasper M. Lucero, Vincent L. Rama, Gregorio G. Yrastorza III, Esteban V. Laurente & Joan Marbie C. Simbajon; be it

RESOLVED, to enact:

**ORDINANCE NO. 016**  
**(Series of 2020)**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP GRANT  
FOR MEDICINE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the 15<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE** – This ordinance shall be known and cited as the "MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP GRANT AND RETURN SERVICE PROGRAM OR MEDSCHOLAR ORDINANCE;"

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** – It is the policy of the City Government of Ormoc to protect and promote the right to health of the Ormocanons and to develop its human resources to meet the needs of its constituents and to ensure that shortage of medical practitioners are addressed.

Toward this end, the State shall establish a Medicine Scholarship Grant and Return Service Program that will help deserving students pursue medical education and training who shall eventually render service in the city government. This shall ensure the availability of doctors who will provide quality health services.

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

- a. Scholarship Grant – the privilege granted by the City government of Ormoc to deserving and qualified student who will pursue medicine by shouldering the expenses of tuition fee and other expenses specified in this ordinance;
- b. "Scholar" or "grantee" – refers to a deserving and qualified student who have completed undergraduate studies qualified as beneficiary and given the financial assistance herein provided;



- c. Partner School – refers to schools that entered into agreements or understanding with the City Government for the implementation of this ordinance.
- d. 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;
- e. Scholarship Board – refers to the Ormoc City Scholarship Board as created under Ordinance No. 028 s 2017.

**SECTION 4. QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE AVAILMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP GRANT-** Applicants must possess the following qualifications at the time of application:

- a. The applicant and his/her family must be residents of the City of Ormoc at least five years upon submission of the scholarship grant application;
- b. Applicant and the eligible members of his/her family must be qualified registered voters of the City of Ormoc, which fact shall be supported by a Certification from the Commission on Elections – Ormoc City;
- c. Applicant must not be more than 30 years of age;
- d. Applicant must have completed a baccalaureate course within top 10 of the graduating class or with at least 85% general weighted average (GWA);
- e. Applicant must have passed the admission requirements, standards and policies of the chosen partner school;
- f. Applicant must not be a grantee of any other scholarship program, study grant or other educational financial assistance except those given by the school for his/her outstanding academic performance evidenced by a certification from proper school authorities; and
- g. Applicant must be of good moral character, which fact shall be supported by a Certification from the last school attended.

Priority shall be given in the following order:

- a. Family members of Barangay Volunteers such as Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS), Barangay Population Volunteers (BPVs), Child Development Workers (CDWs), Barangay Tanods, or Lupon members;
- b. Family members of employees or job order workers of the City Government of Ormoc; and
- c. All other applicants.

**SECTION 5. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS** – Each grantee shall receive the scholarship benefits as follows:

- a. Payment for Tuition Fee and Miscellaneous Fees, which shall be paid by the City Government of Ormoc directly to the partner school;
- b. Purchase of Equipment required by the course curriculum which may form part of the school fees and included in the billing statement or to be purchased by the scholar from an accredited supplier of the partner school;
- c. Refund for other expenses not included in the school's billing statement but required by the medicine curriculum as certified by the partner school and approved by the City Scholarship Board;
- d. Book allowance in the maximum amount of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000.00) per semester;
- e. One-time Laptop computer allowance in the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00);
- f. Uniform or clothing allowance in the amount of SIX THOUSAND PESOS (P6,000.00) per year;
- g. Survival allowance in the amount of FIFTEEN THOUSAND PESOS (P15,000.00) to cover board and lodging, transportation and other necessary expenses, which shall be paid directly to scholars; and
- h. Medical Board Review Subsidy in the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) which shall only apply to first takers of the Board examinations.

**SECTION 6. CONDITIONS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP GRANT** – Recipients of the scholarship grant under this ordinance shall comply with the following conditions to maintain scholarship:

- a. Must not be a grantee of any other scholarship program except those incentives and benefits given by the school to honor students;
- b. Must execute an agreement with the City Government of Ormoc on the terms and conditions of the scholarship grant;
- c. Must carry a full semestral load as prescribed in the course curriculum of the partner school and finish Medicine course within the normal duration of the degree, subject to the retention policies of the partner school;
- d. Must study full time or not engage in any work or job, whether full time or part time;
- e. Must pass all subjects with no incomplete/conditional grade;
- f. Must not drop any subject which will result to under loading of subjects;
- g. Must maintain satisfactory academic performance in accordance with the policies and standards of the partner school;
- h. Must take the nearest board examination schedule after graduation from medicine school;



- i. Must comply with the mandatory return service under Section 8 of this ordinance;
- j. Must comply with all other conditions as the Ormoc City Scholarship Board may prescribe;
- k. Except for meritorious reasons, no grantee shall be allowed to defer enrolment, in which case shall not exceed one (1) academic year, subject to the policies and guidelines set by the Ormoc City Scholarship Board;
- l. Must submit his/her respective enrollment and assessment form at the start of the school semester for the release of the scholarship benefits;
- m. Must submit at the end of every academic semester the certificate of grades duly signed by the School Registrar/Dean of the College;
- n. Must attend all seminars and meetings duly called by the Ormoc City Scholarship Board;
- o. Must coordinate regularly with the Education and Scholarship Office for updates and information relevant to the new policies and conduct of the scholarship program.

**SECTION 7. CAUSES OF TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP** -Non-completion of the medicine course or failure to comply with the conditions enumerated in Section 6 of this Ordinance as well as the terms and conditions of the scholarship program shall constitute a valid ground for the termination of the scholarship grant and the grantee shall be made to reimburse the City Government of Ormoc the full cost of the scholarship grant. Any of the following shall also be valid grounds for the termination of the scholarship grant:

- a. If the scholar fails to meet the academic requirements of the partner school or to complete the course within the prescribed period without valid cause as may be determined by the partner school and the Ormoc City Scholarship Board such as due to absence without notice, reasons of willful neglect or other causes within the control of the scholar: Provided, That if the terminated scholar chooses, instead of repayment of scholarship costs, to work within the city government or within Ormoc City in works related to medicine course for a period equivalent the mandatory length of service that should have been rendered as stipulated in this ordinance: Provided further, that the decision on working with the City Government or within Ormoc City shall be subject to the approval of the Ormoc City Scholarship Board;
- b. If the scholar fails to pass the Board examination, subject also to the conditions under item (a) on option to work with the city government; and
- c. If the scholar commits behavioral misconduct in a manner that would bring significant damage to the partner school, government institutions concerned, persons and the community or that the scholar has been convicted of any crime, provided that this provision is subject to implementing rules and regulations drafted by the Ormoc City Scholarship Board and approved by the City Mayor.



**SECTION 8. MANDATORY RETURN SERVICE** – Upon passing the licensure examination, a grantee shall work for the City Government of Ormoc with the appropriate rank and salary and related benefits. The mandatory return service shall be computed at two (2) years for every scholarship year availed of. The mandatory return service shall be separate and distinct from the return service requirement of the partner school and the mandatory post-graduate internship as pre-requisite for the taking of the licensure examination if applicable. However, innovative and new ways of residency training such as the innovative pathway for family medicine shall be considered as return service under this provision subject to guidelines prepared by the Ormoc City Scholarship Board and approved by the City Mayor.

The City Government of Ormoc shall ensure that positions with appropriate rank, salary and related benefits are available for the doctors who will comply with the mandatory return service provision.

**SECTION 9. SANCTIONS** – In the event that a physician who has availed of the scholarship grant fails or refuses to serve the City Government as provided under Section 6 (i) hereof, or fails or refuses to comply with the mandatory return service as provided under Section 8 hereof, shall be required to pay twice the full cost of scholarship including other benefits and expenses incurred by reason of participation in the scholarship program.

In case of non-payment as provided in the preceding paragraph, the City Government of Ormoc has the option to endorse the case to the Philippine Regulatory Commission (PRC) for the appropriate administrative action. Provided that the above-mentioned sanctions shall not apply to grantees, by reason of severe or serious illness or other causes as may be determined by the Scholarship Board after due determination.

**SECTION 10. SELECTION AND SCREENING OF GRANTEES** – The Ormoc City Scholarship Board shall prepare the necessary guidelines in the screening and selection of the grantees. The City Health Officer shall sit as a member of the Scholarship Board with voting rights for purposes of implementing the provisions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 11. PARTNER SCHOOLS** – The Ormoc City Scholarship Board in accrediting partner schools for the Medicine scholarship grant shall give preference to state colleges and universities in the Visayas, unless there is a valid and justifiable reason to consider other schools outside of Visayas region. The following shall be the criteria in accrediting partner schools:

- a. Must be recognized/accredited by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED);
- b. Must have obtained a passing percentage higher than the national board examinations passing percentage for its first-time board examination takers;
- c. Must be able to provide the facilities and infrastructure required in the basic curricula for the study of medicine;
- d. Must have a designated Scholarship Coordinator who shall coordinate with the Ormoc City Scholarship Board on matters pertaining to the medicine scholarship program; and



- e. Willing to execute an agreement with the City Government of Ormoc on the roles and responsibilities of partners in carrying out the scholarship grant.

**SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION** – For purposes of this ordinance, the sum of **TWO MILLION PHILIPPINE PESOS (PHP 2,000,000.00)** shall be provided for in the annual budget of the City Government of Ormoc or such higher amount deemed necessary in every succeeding budget year thereafter to fund the following scholarship slots for Medicine Course, to wit:

First Year of implementation	2 slots
Second Year of implementation	1 slot
Third year of implementation	1 slot
Fourth year of implementation	1 slot

In the succeeding years of implementing this ordinance, the Scholarship Board shall accept an additional applicant to medicine scholarship grant if any of the five (5) slots is vacant.

The unspent balance at the end of the calendar year shall be transferred to the trust fund intended for scholarship grants of the City Government of Ormoc but under a subsidiary ledger for medicine scholarship grant.

**SECTION 13. DONATIONS.** The Education and Scholarship Office may accept donations for medicine scholarship program 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 grants but under a separate ledger for medicine scholarship grant.

**SECTION 14. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The Ormoc City Scholarship Board shall come up with the required implementing rules of this ordinance subject to the approval of the City Mayor.

**SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or the application thereof to any person, circumstance or transaction is held invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions to other persons, circumstances and transactions shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 16. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any provision or ordinance, rules and regulations and/or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and after compliance with publication and posting requirements pursuant to relevant provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991.

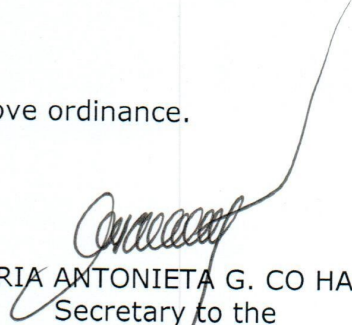
ENACTED, February 24, 2020.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this ordinance one each to the City Mayor Richard I. Gomez, the City Administrator; the City Legal Officer; the City Health Department; the City Budget Officer; the City Accountant; the City Treasurer; the City Auditor; the Human Resource Management Officer; the Ormoc City Scholarship Board; the Scholarship Office; the CHED; the CSWDO; the Department of Health; the City Local Government Operations Officer-DILG; and other offices concerned;



CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above ordinance.

  
MARIA ANTONIETA G. CO HAT  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

  
LEO CARMELO L. LOCSIN, JR.  
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

  
RICHARD I. GOMEZ  
City Mayor  
04 MAR 2020  
(Date)