



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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SUBJECT : RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THE
RAMON MAGSAYSAY, JR. STUDY GRANT PROGRAM
(RMJSGP)

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In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," and by virtue of the congressional initiative of Senator Ramon Magsaysay, Jr., Senate, Congress of the Philippines, there is hereby created the Ramon Magsaysay, Jr. Study Grant Program (RMJSGP) and the following rules and regulations for its implementation are hereby promulgated, thus:

I Coverage

Effective Collegiate Year (CY) 1996-1997, the Ramon Magsaysay, Jr. Study Grant Program (RMJSGP) shall be awarded to poor but deserving incoming college freshmen nationwide, but in municipalities previously identified by the RMJSGP, to enroll in four-year baccalaureate courses.

II Number of Slots available

The RMJSGP shall have one hundred sixty (160) slots available to be distributed in accordance with the attached slot allocation list which is considered a part hereof.

III Qualifications of Applicants

To qualify as an awardee, the applicant must meet the following criteria, to wit:

1. Be a bona fide resident of the municipality identified by the RMJSGP (attached);
2. Belong to a family whose annual income is not more than Seventy-two Thousand Pesos (P72,000.00);

3. Be an entering college freshman or an out-of-school youth who has passed the Philippine Examination Placement Test (PEPT);
4. Be willing to engage in activities which will promote the welfare of his own community; and
5. Be of good moral character as certified to by the School Principal of the school where he/she last attended or the Barangay Captain of the applicant's place of residence.

IV Documents Required

Applicants must submit, with their duly accomplished application forms, the following documents, namely:

1. Copy of the latest BIR Income Tax Return (ITR) of their parent(s) showing that their family income does not exceed Seventy-two Thousand Pesos (P72,000.00) per annum;
2. Copy of:
 - a. High School Report Card; and
 - b. PEPT Certificate of Passing (for out-of-school youths);
3. Certification by the concerned Barangay Captain that the applicant is a resident of the barangay in the municipality identified by the RMJSGP;
4. Certification of willingness to engage in activities which will promote the welfare of the community; and
5. Certification of good moral character issued by the School Principal of the school last attended.

V Financial Assistance

The RMJSGP assistance consists of:

1. Tuition and other school fees as billed by the Higher Education Institution (HEI) concerned but not to exceed Four Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P4,500.00) per semester;
2. Living allowance or stipend of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) per semester; and

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3. Book allowance of Two Hundred Fifty Pesos (P250.00) per semester.

Each study grantee is allotted a maximum amount of Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P14,500.00) a year.

VI Areas of Study

The grantees shall enroll in courses under Arts and Sciences, Teacher Education (Major in English or Science), Commerce/Business, Agriculture, Computer Science and Engineering (Electrical/Electronics).

VII Administration

A. The Commission shall administer the subject program through a Central Oversight Committee (COC) which is hereby created and composed of the following, namely:

The Commission's Office of Student Services(OSS) Director	-	Chair;
Rep. from the Office of Senator Ramon Magsaysay, Jr	-	Member; and
Rep. from the Commission's Administrative and Finance Service (AFS)	-	Member.

B. The Office of Senator Ramon Magsaysay, Jr. shall be the grantor of the RMJSGP. It shall inform the Commission's OSS in advance and remit to it the funds for payment of the benefits and administrative costs of program implementation.

C. The OSS shall perform the same functions and responsibilities as those in other programs of educational assistance managed by it.

D. The Higher Education Regional Offices (HEROs) of the Commission shall likewise perform the tasks and responsibilities as in all other scholarships and study grant/loan programs.

E. The Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) participating in the RMJSGP shall ensure that the grantees are properly enrolled, guided and counselled, evaluated and paid their benefits. The HEIs, moreover, should comply with the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement to be entered into by them with the Commission's HEROs concerned with regard to program implementation.

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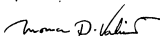
VIII Conditionalities

1. A grantee must pass the minimum semestral load during the previous semester.
2. A grade of 5.0 or its equivalent automatically disqualifies the grantee.
3. "Dropped" subject/s must be removed during the summer term at the expense of the grantee.
4. The grantee must have no deficiencies in either academic or non-academic subjects of his course.
5. Shifting of courses may be allowed on a case to case basis and with the recommendation of the School Registrar and approval of the HERO concerned under the following conditions, namely:
 - a. Shifting is done only once;
 - b. Shifting will not prolong residence in the course; and
 - c. All subjects and/or not less than 80 per cent of the units earned in the first course can be credited.
6. The grantee must comply with all the policies, rules and regulations of the HEI concerned and of this study grant program.

SO ORDERED.

Pasig City, Philippines, June 25, 1996


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