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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DECS MEMORANDUM

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SEARCH FOR THE 1997 HUWARANG PAMILYANG PILIPINO

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents

1. The Search for the 1997 Huwarang Pamilyang Pilipino, a project of the Subcommittee of the Huwarang Pamilyang Pilipino has set in motion the varied activities lined up for the National Steering Committee for the Proper Observance of Family Week. The Search would realize the essence of Proclamation No. 60 dated September 22, 1992 declaring the last week of September of every year as Family Week.

2. The theme of the 1997 Family Week celebration is "Pamilyang Pilipino: Sandigan ng Kagitingan, Pagkakaisa at Kalayaan". Along this line, the Search aims to:

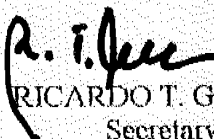
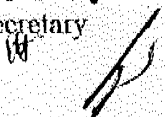
- a. recognize families who have upheld and demonstrated Filipino values in their way of life;
- b. encourage love of country through community participation and involvement; and
- c. commemorate the Philippine Centennial by recognizing the deeds and sacrifices of the Filipino families from early time to the present to achieve a free, independent and progressive Philippines.

3. The Subcommittee on the 1997 Search for the Huwarang Pamilyang Pilipino is chaired by the DECS Secretary. In view of this, regional directors are directed to lead vigorously in the Search and be guided by the following schedules unless otherwise superseded by another memorandum in their respective provinces/cities/regions:

- a. May 15-July 15 - Screening and selection of the local candidates
- b. July 15 - Submission of the names of regional winners to
DECS Central Office
- c. July 21-September 12 - Regional visit of the validation team

4. Inclosed are the guidelines, implementing rules, nomination forms and proposed plan of activities relative to the Search.

5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


RICARDO T. G. ORIA
Secretary


Incls.:

As stated

References:

DECS Memorandums: Nos. 225 and 291, s. 1996

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(Inclosure to DECS Memorandum No.)

Subcommittee on the Search For
1997 Huwarang Pamilyang Pilipino

SEARCH FOR THE 1997 HUWARANG PAMILYANG PILIPINO

GUIDELINES

As the Philippines celebrates the centennial Year of the Filipino Spirit, the Filipino nation gives tribute to the great men and women who worked towards the attainment of freedom. It is this spirit of oneness that motivated and inspired them to work for a common goal - Philippine Independence.

Along with this commendation is the recognition for the families which reared and breed these outstanding men and women. The Filipino families that produced the likes of Dr. Jose Rizal, Andres Bonifacio, Marcelo del Pilar, Gabriela Silang, Melchora Aquino, Josefa Llanes Escoda, Geronima Pecson, Pilar Hidalgo Lim and Josefa Jara Martinez, to mention a few, deserve an honored place in the sun. Through the family's untiring efforts to guide and inculcate Filipino values, the children grew to be principled men and women worthy of emulation. Once more, it has been proven that societal goals can be achieved through the family. It is the strength of the nation, the rock and solid foundation for all ages.

In recognition therefore of the importance of the family, Proclamation No. 60 dated September 28, 1992 declared the last week of September and every year thereafter as Family Week. As a consequence, Executive Order No. 241 dated June 9, 1995 was issued to create the National Steering Committee (NSC) for the Family Week Celebration to ensure its proper observance. The NSC since then spearheaded various activities to celebrate Family Week. One of these activities was the Search for the Huwarang Pamilyang Pilipino.

The first Search for the Huwarang Pamilyang Pilipino took place in 1996. It was a successful activity that motivated the NSC for its institutionalization. Thus, the Search for the 1997 Huwarang Pamilyang Pilipino. The Search for the 1997 Huwarang Pamilyang Pilipino hopes to inspire and motivate Filipino families to continually work towards a better quality of family and consequently community life.

I. Objectives

- A. Recognize families who have upheld and demonstrated Filipino values in their way of life;
- B. Encourage love of country through community participation and involvement; and
- C. Commemorate the Philippine Centennial by recognizing the deeds and sacrifices of the Filipino families from early times to the present to achieve a free, independent and progressive Philippines.

II. **Categories:** There are two (2) categories included in the SEARCH. These are the FAMILY Category and the SOLO PARENT Category.

III. **For the Family Category**

A. **Eligibility:** Refers to the observable, measurable and quantifiable parameters which would qualify a nominee for the SEARCH.

1. A Filipino family of Filipino citizenship, legally married, living together for at least twenty five (25) years, with at least three (3) children, domiciled in the Philippines for at least half of their married life, and has lived in the Philippines for at least five (5) years at the time of the SEARCH.
2. A family whose members have not been convicted of any administrative, criminal and/or civil cases.
3. A family, regardless of socio-economic status, but whose incomes have not been derived from gambling, child labor, prostitution, extortion and other similar illegal sources.

B. **Criteria :** Refer to the parameters that would enable a nominee to be judged constructively.

The Filipino family shall be one whose members are bound by love and respect between and among its members. It must also be a family whose members have been brought up through their own perseverance, initiative, industry and hard work.

1. A family where the husband and wife have demonstrated love and respect for each other (25 points)

Indicators:

- a. Recognizes that God is the center of the family
 - b. Accepts each other's individuality and personal dignity
 - c. Communicates openly
 - d. Practices self-control, presence of mind and support for each other in the face of crises
 - e. Demonstrates support and pride in each other's achievement
2. A family whereby the parents demonstrate their love and respect for their children (25 pts.)

Indicators:

- a. Ensures an environment which provides the following:
 - 1) Spiritual nurture and basic values
 - 2) Basic material needs
 - 3) Education and health care

- 4) Guidance appropriate to the children's capacities
- 5) Affection, companionship and understanding
- 6) Self-discipline and religious instruction
- 7) Proper advices on matters affecting children's development and well-being
- 8) Children's confidence
- 9) Supervised children's activities including their recreation
- 10) Preparedness for children's formal schooling

b. Pays special attention in developing among its members a profound esteem for their personal dignity and concern for their rights.

- 1) Has allowed the children to participate in the discussion of family affairs especially in matters that particularly concern them. In cases of discipline, the ability/right to present their side
- 2) Has administered the child's properties, if any, according to the best interest of the child

c. A family who has built an environment wherein the members learn/practice the virtues of truth, social and moral values, cultural heritage, friendship and cooperation

- 1) Has stimulated the children's interest in civic affairs, duties of citizenship and commitment to his/her country.
- 2) Has inculcated the values of industry, thrift and self-reliance
- 3) Has become the children's friends
- 4) Has encouraged savings among its member
- 5) Has shown respect for the dignity and worth of the individual

3. A family where the children love, honor and respect their parents (15 pts.)

Indicators:

- a. Shows love/respect for the elderly
- b. Manifests clean words and thoughts
- c. Has developed self-reliance among its members
- d. Has distinguished themselves in their job and profession, be it academic or non-academic
- e. Has taken pride in their chosen job, work and profession with dignity, academic or non-academic

4. A family where the children have love and respect for one another (15 pts.)

Indicators:

- a. Recognizes that God is the center of the family
- b. Accepts each other's individuality and personal dignity
- c. Communicates openly clean words and thoughts
- d. Practices self-control, presence of mind and support for each other

e. Demonstrates support and pride in each other's achievement

5. A family who has been involved in community affairs (20 points)

Indicators:

- a. Shares time, talents and treasures to uplift the mental, physical and spiritual well-being of the members of the community
- b. Participates in community projects

IV. For the Solo Parent Category

A. Eligibility: Refers to the observable, measurable and quantifiable parameters which should qualify a "nominee for the SEARCH.

- 1. A Filipino widow/widower for twenty five (25) years and above, legally married prior to his/her present status and left alone to bring up his/her child/children, domiciled in the Philippines for at least half of his/her widowhood and has lived in the Philippines for the last five (5) years at the time of the SEARCH.
- 2. A family whose members have not been convicted of any administrative, criminal and/or civil cases.
- 3. A family, regardless of socio-economic status, but whose incomes have not been derived from gambling, child labor, prostitution, extortion and other similar illegal sources.

B. Criteria: Refer to the parameters that would enable a nominee to be judged constructively.

The solo parent's family shall be one whose members are bound by love and respect between and among its members. It must also be a family whose members have been brought up through their own perseverance, initiative, industry and hard work.

- 1. The family whereby the solo parent was able to respond to the challenges of solo parenting (20 pts.)

Indicators:

- a. Ability to play the dual roles of father and mother to the children
 - b. Ability to earn a living/pursue a career in order to support the family
 - c. Ability to demonstrate stress management by practicing self-control and self-restraint to remarry
2. A family where the husband and wife loved and respected each other (15 pts.)

Indicators:

- a. Recognized that God is the center of the family
 - b. Accepted each other's individuality and personal dignity
 - c. Communicated openly
 - d. Practiced self control, presence of mind and support for each other in the face of crises
 - e. Demonstrated support and pride in each other's achievement
3. A family whereby the solo parent demonstrates love and respect for his/her children (15 pts.)

Indicators:

- a. Ensures an environment that provides the following:
 - 1) Spiritual nurture and basic values
 - 2) Basic material needs
 - 3) Education and health care
 - 4) Guidance appropriate to the children's capacities
 - 5) Affection, companionship and understanding
 - 6) Self-discipline and religious instruction
 - 7) Proper advices on matters affecting children's development and well-being
 - 8) Children's confidence
 - 9) Supervised children's activities including their recreation
 - 10) Preparedness for children's formal schooling
- b. Pays special attention in developing among its members a profound esteem for their personal dignity and concern for their rights
 - 1) Has allowed the children to participate in the discussion of family affairs especially in matters that particularly concern them. In cases of discipline, the ability/right to present their side
 - 2) Has administered the child's properties, if any, according to the best interest of the child
- c. Has built an environment wherein the members learn/practice the virtues of truth, social and moral values, cultural heritage, friendship and cooperation
 - 1) Has stimulated the children's interest in civic affairs, duties of citizenship and commitment to his/her country
 - 2) Has inculcated the values of industry, thrift and self-reliance
 - 3) Has become the children's friends
 - 4) Has encouraged savings among its member
 - 5) Has shown respect for the dignity and worth of the individual

4. A family where the children love, honor and respect the solo parent (15 pts.)

Indicators:

- a. Shows love/respect for the elderly
- b. Manifests clean words and thoughts
- c. Has developed self-reliance among its members
- d. Has distinguished themselves in their job and profession, be it academic or non-academic
- e. Has taken pride in their chosen job, work and profession with dignity, academic or non-academic

4. A family where the children have love and respect for one another (15 pts.)

Indicators:

- a. Recognizes that God is the center of the family
- b. Accepts each other's individuality and personal dignity
- c. Communicates openly clean words & thoughts
- d. Practices self-control, presence of mind and support for each other
- e. Demonstrates support and pride in each other's achievement

5. A family who has been involved in community affairs (20 pts.)

Indicators:

- a. Shares time, talents and treasures to uplift the mental, physical and spiritual well-being of the members of the community
- b. Participates in community projects

V. Documents Needed

- A. Valid marriage contract
- B. Birth Certificate of children
- C. Nomination form filled up by nominating body/individual.
- D. Letter of Acceptance by the family - nominee
- E. Nomination/Endorsement letter from the nominating body with a brief justification for the choice of the nominee
- F. One (1) reference letter from their membership in religious organization and barangay chairman
- G. Citation of community service as a family in the parish, barangay and other groups (civic, professional, academe and the like)
- H. Brief Family story
 - qualities that attracted the couple to one another;
 - ways and means by which the family was raised;
 - ways and means by which the family was able to handle two (2) successes;
 - ways and means by which the family was able to handle two (2) difficult circumstances; and

significant contributions to the community.

I. Family Picture

VI. Mechanics

A. Nomination

1. The SEARCH is open to all Filipino families who meet the qualifications prescribed in Items III & IV respectively, provided the family-nominee has not participated in the 1996 SEARCH for the Huwarang Pamilyang Pilipino.
2. Any individual, agency, movement or group, public and private may nominate.
3. The documents in Item V shall be attached to the nomination form.
4. Nomination forms and guidelines can be secured from any of the following regional offices
 - a. DECS
 - b. DSWD
 - c. DILG-LGU

B. Screening and Selection Committee

1. A Regional Selection Committee (RSC) and a National Board of Judges (NBOJ) shall be responsible in declaring the winner on the regional and national levels.
2. The RSC shall take charge in the formation of local committees in the barangay, municipal, city and provincial levels to ensure a wider participation in the SEARCH. The selection and proclamation of winners shall be from May 15 to July 15, 1997.
 - a. The winners in the barangay level shall compete in their respective municipalities and cities for the municipal and city level categories.
 - b. The winners in the municipalities and winners in the cities shall compete in the provincial level.
 - c. All winners in the provincial level shall compete in the regional level.
 - d. There shall only be one (1) regional winner to compete for the Huwarang Pamilyang Pilipino national award.
3. The RSC shall be composed of the four (4) Regional Directors of DECS, DSWD, DILG and DOH; six (6) sectoral representatives as specified in the Guidelines and one (1) representative from either the 1996 Family or Solo Parent Category Regional Winner

The designation of the other agencies in the RSC is as follows:

Chairman: DECS

Members : DSWD
DILG
DOH

Representative (one each) from:

- Media
- NGOs
- Academe
- Business
- Church
- Family Life Related Organization
- 1996 SEARCH Regional Winner (either in the Family or Solo Parent Category)

The name of the winners in the regional level shall be submitted on or before July 15, 1997 to:

Dr. Alberto P. Mendoza/Ms. Thelma M. Cruz
Bureau of Secondary Education
3/F, Bonifacio Bldg.
UL Complex, DECS
Pasig City

4. A validation team shall move around from July 15, 1997 to September 12, 1997 to choose the 50% + 1 of the regional competitors in the Family and Solo Parent Categories for the preliminary selection, subject to the availability of funds. The 50% + 1 shall compose the semi-finalists for the final selection. Otherwise, all regional winners shall compete among themselves in Manila. Under this circumstance, the documents of the regional winners shall be forwarded to DECS on or before September 22, 1997. The RSC shall be notified of the final decision of the NSC re the pre-final selection activity.
5. The national winners shall come from the semi-finalists after having satisfactorily met the criteria for the final screening of the National Board of Judges (NBOJ) in Manila two (2) days prior to the awarding ceremonies on September 25, 1997 at Malacañan Palace.
6. The final screening for the national award is scheduled as follows:
 - a. September 23, 1997: Family Category
 - b. September 24, 1997: Solo Parent Category
7. Plaques of Recognition shall be given by the National Steering Committee to the regional winners in the Family Category and the Solo Parent Category.

A national award in the Family Category and in the Solo Parent category shall be given out in the Search for the 1997 Huwarang Pamilyang Pilipino.

**IMPLEMENTING RULES IN THE SEARCH
FOR THE 1997 HUWARANG PAMILYANG PILIPINO**

1. A family is composed of husband, wife, and at least 3 children, legally married, whose nationality is a Filipino by birth or by naturalization.
2. The solo parent shall refer only to widow/widower because the Search would like as much as possible to project an ideal or model family. That is, where the father and mother are with the children, guiding and supporting the family as a whole.
3. Families participating in either the FAMILY OR SOLO PARENT category shall be competing for the first time in the SEARCH For The 1997 Huwarang Pamilyang Pilipino.
4. No public and private entity shall have more than one nominee in either of the 2 categories.
5. The Selection and Screening Committee shall be guided by the following:
 - a. the candidate representing the region shall have been properly screened after considering the candidates from the barangays, municipalities, cities, and provincial levels.
 - b. the best candidate have been chosen
6. The Regional Selection Committee shall be able to source out for the expenses to be incurred during the SEARCH including the transportation fare of the regional winners to and from Manila.
7. The validation team shall conduct the process of elimination as a preliminary to the national selection subject to the availability of funds.
8. The competing Families/Solo Parent shall be rated using the point system.

Family Category	Points	Solo Parent Category	Points
Husband/Wife relationship	25	Response to challenges of Solo Parenting	20
Parents' relationship with children	25	Husband/wife relationship	15
Children's relationship or Parents	15	Solo Parent's relationship with children	15
Children's relationship with one another	15	Children's relationship with solo parent	15
Family's community involvement	20	Children's relationship with one another	15
		Family's community involvement	20
TOTAL	100 pts.		100 pts.

9. The decision of NBOJ in the choice of the national winners is final. The following shall be the bases of the selection.

a. Paper Qualifications

b. Interview

- 1) Communication Skills/Good Preparation
- 2) Truthfulness in the message
- 3) Self-confidence
- 4) Togetherness

Search for the Huwarang Familyang Pilipino

NOMINATION FORM

1. Name

	Family Members	Date of Birth	Age
a. Father	_____	_____	_____
b. Mother	_____	_____	_____
c. Children			
	1. _____	_____	_____
	2. _____	_____	_____
	3. _____	_____	_____
	4. _____	_____	_____
	5. _____	_____	_____
	6. _____	_____	_____

(Please use other sheets, if needed)

2. Address _____

3. Length of stay in the area _____

4. Date of Marriage _____ No. of Years Married _____

5. Source/s of family income _____

6. Academic Attainment (please attach, if desired)

7. Achievement/s of family members (please attach)

1. Professional _____

2. Civic _____

3. Religious _____

8. Involvement in administrative, civil or criminal case, specify if any. _____

(Please use sheets)

9. Brief Family Story

- a. qualities that attracted the couple to one another;
- b. ways and means by which the family was raised;
- c. ways and means by which the family was able to handle two(2) successes;
- d. ways and means by which the family was able to handle two (2) difficult circumstances; and
- e. significant contributions to the community

Nominated by (Name) : _____

Position : _____

Organization/Location : _____

Signature : _____

(For Regional Winner: Please submit the nomination form together with pertinent papers on or July 21, 1997 to:)

DR. ALBERTO P. MENDOZA/MS. THELMA M. CRUZ
Bureau of Secondary Education
3/Floor, Bonifacio Building
ULTRA COMPLEX, DECS
Pasig City

**PROPOSED PLAN OF ACTIVITIES RELATIVE TO THE SEARCH FOR THE
1997 HUWARANG PAMILYANG PILIPINO**

January to February

March	Assessment of the 1996 Search for Huwwarang Pamilyang Pilipino (HPP)	
April 10	Critique on the 1997 HPP Worksheets by the Subcommittee on HPP (Guidelines, Rating Scale, Working Committees, Plan of Activities)	
April 21 - 24	Critique on the revised HPP Guidelines by the National Steering Committee (NSC)	
April 25	Retrieval of revised HPP Guidelines from the NSC	
April 29 - 30	Finalization of inputs of the HPP Guidelines	
May 6	Submission of the final copy of the Search 1997 HPP Documents	
May 15	Issuance of Memorandum re: Search 1997 HPP (DECS, DSWD, DILG, DOH and other government agencies concerned)	
May 15 to June	Formation of the local selection committees: Selection and Proclamation of Winners	
July 15	Submission of the Regional Winners (Names) to DECS-CO	
July 21 to August to September 12	Preliminary screening by the validation team (Choice of 9 out of 16 regional winners)	
September 17	Submission by the validation team of the 9 semi finalists	
September 19	"Ugnayan sa Rembrandt Hotel" (c/o PIA)	
September 22	Arrival of Regional Winners; Family Home Evening	Radio/TV Appearance c/o PIA
September 23-	Final Screening of Candidates for the National Awards	
September 24	A. For the Family Category B. For the Solo Parent Category	Radio/TV Appearance c/o PIA
September 25	Motorcade to Malacanang Awarding Ceremonies at Malacanang Launching of the HPP Foundation	
September 26	Free Time	
September 27	Send - off	