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THE VICE PRESIDENT NOLI DE CASTRO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
AND EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

To: Regional Directors
Regional Secretary, ARMM
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public Secondary Schools

1. The Office of the Vice President, in partnership with the Department of Education (DepED), Kabayan Noli de Castro Foundation, Rotary Club of Makati West (District 3830) and Rotary Club of Midtown, Quezon City (District 3780), is once again organizing the Vice President Noli de Castro Academic Excellence and Exemplary Leadership Awards this School Year 2009-2010.
2. With the theme "Edukasyon Sagot sa Hamon ng Kahirapan", the Awards aim to achieve the following objectives:
 - a. Recognize poor but deserving public secondary school students who have shown exemplary performance in academics and leadership;
 - b. Encourage the Filipino youth to excel and to lead the way towards genuine public service; and,
 - c. Give recognition to public secondary school students who, despite challenging circumstances, have achieved success in academics, co-curricular activities or as student-leaders through hardwork and perseverance, thereby serving as inspiration to others.
3. The Awards, which consist of two categories, namely: Academic Excellence Award and Exemplary Leadership Award, are open to all presently enrolled Fourth Year public secondary school students nationwide. The Awards Mechanics and Nomination Form are contained in Enclosure Nos. 1 and 2, respectively.
4. All Education Supervisors/Coordinators handling the Student Government Program and/or Araling Panlipunan in the regional and division offices shall be the coordinators for the Awards in their respective areas who shall be fully supported and assisted by their respective offices. The School Principal shall designate the Department Head or the Teacher handling the Student Government Program and/or Araling Panlipunan as the coordinator for the school.
5. All Regional Directors, Schools Division/City Superintendents and School Heads are encouraged to give generous support to the Awards. Expenses in this regard shall be charged against local funds.
6. All Division Offices are required to submit a report on the dissemination of this Memorandum and the actual conduct of the screening and selection in the division level on or before December 1, 2009 to the DepED Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs (CSCA), Ground Floor, Mabini Building, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

7. For queries, please contact the Office of the Vice President c/o Chief of Staff Atty. Jesse H. T. Andres at tel. no.: (02) 551-3897 and DepED-CSCA c/o Executive Director Joey G. Pelaez at telephone nos.: (02) 631-8495 or (02) 636-3603.

8. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



JESLI A. LAPUS
Secretary

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As stated

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AWARDS MECHANICS

I. RATIONALE

The *Vice President Noli de Castro Academic Excellence and Exemplary Leadership Awards* was initiated by Honorable Noli “Kabayan” de Castro to recognize public secondary school students who have shown exemplary performance in academics and leadership despite experiencing hardship and other challenging circumstances thereby serving as an inspiration to others. The scholarship grant is intended to support poor but deserving students.

II. CATEGORIES

The Awards recognize outstanding performance in the following categories:

A. Academic Excellence

The Vice President Noli de Castro Academic Excellence Award shall be given to the student who has shown exemplary performance in academics, brought honor and prestige to the school through various academic-related competitions, contests and exposures, and by reason of which has received other awards recognizing his/her academic excellence.

There shall be four (4) winners in this category; one each from Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao and the National Capital Region.

B. Exemplary Leadership

The Vice President Noli de Castro Exemplary Leadership Award shall be given to the student who has shown active involvement in school organizations as an officer, particularly in the Supreme Student Government and other DepED-recognized clubs or organizations. The student must have implemented programs and projects and delivered services that benefit fellow students, the school and the community.

There shall be four (4) winners in this category; one each from Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao and the National Capital Region.

In both categories, the student must show by his/her own experience the values of hardwork, determination, honesty, integrity and dedication to public service and how these values contributed in achieving academic excellence and exemplary leadership.

III. QUALIFICATIONS, REQUIREMENTS, SCREENING AND SELECTION PROCESS

A. Qualifications

The nominees must meet the following qualifications:

1. General Qualifications
 - a. Must be a graduating high school student currently enrolled in any public secondary school;
 - b. Must be a Filipino citizen with at least one (1) year residency in the public school being represented;
 - c. Must be of good moral character and not have been subjected to school disciplinary action;
 - d. Must not have been charged of any crime involving moral turpitude; and
 - e. Must not have a parent with an annual income of more than PhP150,000.00.

2. Specific Qualifications

Academic Excellence

- a. Consistent honor student from First Year to Fourth Year;
- b. Must not have grades lower than 80% in any subject;
- c. Must have a general average of not lower than 85% considering all major subjects including MAKABAYAN; and,
- d. Must be active in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.

Exemplary Leadership

- a. Must be an officer of a club or organization duly recognized by the school or the Department of Education or other socio-civic organizations;
- b. Must have implemented significant programs and projects that benefited his/her fellow students, the school and the community; and,
- c. Must have no failing grades and with an average of at least 80% considering all major subjects including MAKABAYAN.

B. Requirements

The nominees must submit the following requirements:

1. Duly accomplished and signed Nomination Form
2. Recent 2x2 colored photo;
3. Latest Income Tax Return or Affidavit of Parents attesting to their annual income;
4. Certification of Good Moral Standing from the School Principal;
5. Certification of Enrolment from the School Principal;

6. Certified True Copy of Form 137/Transcript of Grades from First Year to Fourth Year;
7. Nomination Letter from the Section Adviser for the School Level Search, from the School Principal for the Division Level Search, from the Schools Division Superintendent for the National Level Search; and,
8. Photocopy of pertinent certificates and awards received, including pictures if available.

C. Screening and Selection Process

The screening and selection process shall follow the following steps:

1. School Level Search

- a. All public secondary schools shall have the free hand to organize their respective School Level Search Committee to determine their nominee for each of the category for the Division Level Search.
- b. The School Level Search Committee shall be composed of not more than five (5) members as follows:

Chair	:	School Principal/Head
Vice Chair	:	Dep't Head/Teacher, Araling Panlipunan
Members	:	Dep't Head/Teacher, Values Dep't Head/Teacher, Any Subject President/Officer, PTCA
- c. The School Level Search Committee shall certify as to the organization of a School Level Search Committee and as to the selection of the nominee for each of the category. Such certification shall be contained in the nomination form itself.
- d. The winner in each category shall represent the school in the Division Level Search.
- e. The nomination form, the requirements submitted and all documents which formed part of the selection process in the School Level Search shall all be forwarded to the DepED Division Office addressed to the Schools Division Superintendent c/o the Araling Panlipunan Supervisor/Coordinator or the Student Government Program Division Coordinator.

2. Division Level Search

- a. Each Division shall organize its own Division Level Search Committee to determine their own nominee for each of the category in the National Level Search composed of not more than five (5) members as follows:

Chair	:	Schools Division Superintendent
Vice Chair	:	Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Members	:	Araling Panlipunan Supervisor/Coordinator Values Supervisor/Coordinator Education Supervisor of Any Subject Area

- b. The Division Level Search Committee shall certify as to the organization of a Division Level Search Committee and as to the selection of the nominee for each of the category. Such certification shall be contained in the nomination form itself.
- c. To give equal opportunity for and achieve representation of all the cities and provinces of the country, the winner in each category shall represent the Division in the National Level Search.
- d. The nomination form, the requirements submitted and all documents which formed part of the selection process in the Division Level Search shall all be forwarded to Atty. Jesse H. T. Andres, Chief of Staff, Office of the Vice President, 7th Floor, Philippine National Bank Financial Center Building, Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City.

3. National Level Search

- a. The National Level Selection Committee shall be chaired by Atty. Jesse H. T. Andres, Chief of Staff, Office of the Vice President. It will include representative/s from the Office of the Vice President (OVP), Department of Education (DepED), Kabayan Noli de Castro Foundation, Rotary Club of Makati West (District 3830) and Rotary Club of Midtown Quezon City (District 3780).
- b. Out of the nominations from the DepED Division Offices, the National Level Selection Committee shall select forty (40) finalists distributed as follows:

Area	Academic	Leadership
Luzon Area	5	5
Visayas Area	5	5
Mindanao Area	5	5
NCR Area	5	5

- c. The forty (40) finalists shall be officially notified by the Office of the Vice President and invited to a workshop per area where they shall be subjected to a personal interview session with the National Level Selection Committee and an essay-writing as part of the final screening and selection process.
- d. From the forty (40) finalists, the National Level Selection Committee shall select eight (8) winners, one from each category and area.

IV. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

The selection of the winners shall be based on the following criteria for judging:

A. Academic Excellence Award

- 1. Academic Performance - 30%
(First to Third Year up to the Second Grading Period of the Fourth Year)

2.	Awards/Citations Received for Academic Achievements	-	20%
3.	Intellectual and Communication Skills	-	20%
4.	Involvement in Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities	-	10%
5.	Special circumstances of poor but deserving students which render his/her achievement more challenging (the student should embody the values of Hardwork, Determination, Honesty, Integrity and Dedication to Public Service)	-	20%
			100%

B. Leadership Excellence Award

1.	Leadership Performance	-	30%
2.	Involvement in Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities	-	20%
3.	Personal Qualities, Character and Communication Skills	-	20%
4.	Academic Performance	-	10%
5.	Special circumstances of poor but deserving students which render his/her achievement more challenging (the Student should embody the values of Hardwork, Determination, Honesty, Integrity and Dedication to Public Service)	-	20%
			100%

V. TIMETABLE

2009

August	-	Issuance of DepED Memorandum
August-October	-	Dissemination of DepED Memorandum
	-	Preparation of the Nomination Form and Other Documents by the Nominees
October 23	-	Deadline of Submission of Nomination in the School Level
October 26-30	-	School Level Search
November 10	-	Deadline of Submission of Winners in the School Level Search to the Schools Division Superintendent
November 16-20	-	Division Level Search
December 1	-	Deadline of Submission of Winners in the Division Level Search to National Level Search Committee through the Office of the Vice President (7 th Floor, Philippine National Bank Financial Center Building, Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City 1307)
December 22	-	Notification of 40 Finalists

2010

- January 21-February 6 - Final Judging, Interview and Essay-Writing Per Area
- January 21, 22 and 23 - DepED – Regional Education Learning Center (RELC), Quirino Ave., Davao City
- January 28, 29 and 30 - Ecotech Center, Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City
- February 4, 5 and 6 - Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Macapagal Ave., Financial Center, Pasay City
- February 12 - Notification of Awardees
- March 12 - Awarding Ceremony
- March 13 - Post-Awarding Activities

VI. PRIZES

All the awardees shall receive the Vice Presidential Medal, a PhP25,000.00 cash award and a scholarship grant in the amount of P240,000.00 for a college degree course.

VII. DISCLAIMER

- A. The Office of the Vice President (OVP) and the Kabayan Noli de Castro Foundation, Inc. reserve the right to use the awardees' names, addresses, nomination forms, photographs and illustrations in published material and advertising connected with the awards at no cost beyond the award given.
- B. By affixing one's signature on the official nomination form, the nominees authorize Kabayan Noli de Castro Foundation, Rotary Club of Makati West (District 3830) and Rotary Club of Midtown Quezon City (District 3780) to copy, reproduce or publish their nomination form and related materials and any and all information obtained in the process of screening and evaluation for whatever legal purpose it may serve.
- C. Submitted material shall not be returned to the nominees.
- D. The organizers shall not be held liable for any inaccuracy, error or omission contained in any copy, reproduction or publication.
- E. The organizers' proceedings and deliberations during the screening and selection are confidential and shall not be disclosed.
- F. The organizers' decision is final and not subject to appeal or reconsideration.

VIII. OTHER INFORMATION

A.) SPECIAL SKILLS / TALENTS _____

B.) FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINEES ONLY

Do you have any grade in any subject lower than 80%?

- YES
- NO

Is your average in all major subjects including MAKABAYAN not lower than 85%?

- YES
- NO

C.) FOR EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINEES ONLY

Do you have any failing grades?

- YES
- NO

Is your average in all major subjects including MAKABAYAN not lower than 80%?

- YES
- NO

D.) HAVE YOU BEEN GRANTED A SCHOLARSHIP BY ANY ENTITY?

- YES
- NO

IF YES, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS _____

E.) WHAT COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM DID YOU TAKE AND FOR WHAT COURSE?

F.) HAVE YOU BEEN SUBJECTED TO ANY SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY ACTION?

- YES
- NO

G.) HAVE YOU BEEN TRIED/ CONVICTED OF ANY VIOLATION OF ANY LAW/ DECREE/ ORDINANCE/ REGULATION BY ANY COURT/ TRIBUNAL?

- YES
- NO

IF YES, GIVE DETAILS _____

H.) ARE YOU VYING FOR VALEDICTORIAN? _____

I.) HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE THERE FROM THE GRADUATING BATCH? _____

J.) ARE YOU INTERESTED TO TAKE UP ANY TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL COURSES? IF YES PLEASE CHOOSE A COURSE BELOW

- CALL CENTER
- AVIATION
- MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST
- SOFTWARE DEVELOPER 3

- HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES
- ANIMATION
- LEGAL TRANSCRIPTION
- AGRICULTURE

- MEDICAL TOURISM
- HOTEL AND RESTAURANT
- METAL SERVICES

IX. ESSAY ON ACADEMIC OR LEADERSHIP PERFORMANCE

A.) FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINEES ONLY

Please explain the highlights of your academic achievements as well as your significant participation in co-curricular activities.

B.) FOR EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINEES ONLY

Please explain the highlights of your achievements as an exemplary student leader and your significant involvement in extra-curricular activities.

(Use separate sheet)

X. ESSAY ON THE STUDENT'S SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Please explain your personal circumstances and how you deal with obstacles and challenges in a manner that your success and achievements can serve as an inspiration to others.

Please cite instances which show that you embody the values of honesty, integrity, determination, dedication to public service and hard-work.

(Use separate sheet)

ATTESTATION AND AUTHORIZATION

I attest to the truth of all the foregoing facts and the authenticity of the documents attached to this form. I authorize the organizers to copy, reproduce or publish my nomination form and all related materials submitted, including any and all information obtained in the process of screening and evaluation for whatever legal purposes it may serve without need for any compensation. I understand that if any of the above given information are proven to be false, I will automatically be disqualified from this contest.

Signature over Printed Name of Student

Date Signed

Signature over Printed Name of Parent/ Guardian



Name of Nominee

LETTER OF NOMINATION

I hereby nominate the above-mentioned student for the Vice President Noli De Castro Academic Excellence and Exemplary Leadership Awards for the reasons stated in the attached sheet.

Section Adviser

Date

LETTER OF NOMINATION AND CERTIFICATION

I hereby nominate the above-mentioned student for the Vice President Noli De Castro Academic Excellence and Exemplary Leadership Awards for the reasons stated in the attached sheet.

I further certify that our school organized a School Level Search Committee and that the above-named student after due deliberation was selected as Nominee for the Division Level Search.

Chairman, School Level Search Committee

Date

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Chairman, Division Level Search Committee

Date