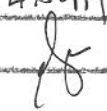


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**INSTITUTIONALIZING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO DEPENDENTS OF ALL**  
**UNIFORMED PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP)**  
**AND THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP),**  
**AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The 1987 Constitution mandates provision of accessible and affordable quality education to *all* Filipino citizens, and although it is understood that dependents of uniformed personnel killed or permanently incapacitated while in the performance of duty are granted assistance and scholarships under Republic Act No. 6963, dependents of those who are still in active service tell a completely different story.

The Philippine National Police and the Armed Forces of the Philippines represent the strong arm of the State, and are therefore instrumental in protecting our sovereignty and independence. In order to further encourage and reward our uniformed men and women for their selfless service, this bill envisions to uplift their lives and the lives of their dependents by providing them with quality and free tertiary education.

Therefore, this legislation seeks to provide free tertiary education to a maximum of three (3) eligible dependents per uniformed personnel of the PNP and AFP, and shall be applicable in all state universities and colleges throughout the country. Dependents will be able to avail of the scholarship program provided that they pass the entrance or admission exams and other related requirements of the school where the scholar intends to enroll. A stipend worth Php 15,000 per student per semester shall be provided by the SUC where the scholar is enrolled.

Support for the passage and approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

**Robert Ace S. Barbers**  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled.*

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Scholarship Grants for dependents of all uniformed personnel of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Act”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It shall be the Policy of the State to provide free education to dependents of all uniformed members of the PNP and AFP by providing them scholarship grants. The scholarship grant aims to uplift the morale and lives of the members of the PNP and AFP and their dependents. Providing the dependents of our uniformed personnel with access to free tertiary education will make them productive and competent members of society.

SEC. 3. *Scholarship Program.* – This Act envisions a four to five-year full-time scholarship program to be offered to a maximum of three (3) dependents per uniformed personnel of the PNP and AFP, provided that the dependent(s) shall pass the entrance or admission exams and related requirements of the school where the scholar intends to enroll.

The scholarship grant shall cover tertiary education, and shall be applicable in all state universities and colleges throughout the country. A stipend worth Fifteen Thousand Pesos (Php 15,000) per student per semester shall be provided by the SUC where the scholar is enrolled.

SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* – The initial funding for this Act shall be sourced from the savings of State Universities and colleges and other possible sources that may be determined by the Office of the President. Thereafter, such amount necessary to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Agency.* – The Commission on Higher Education (CHED), in coordination with the PNP and AFP, shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations necessary to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of this Act, subject to the approval of Congress.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in at least two (2) national newspapers in general circulation.

Approved.