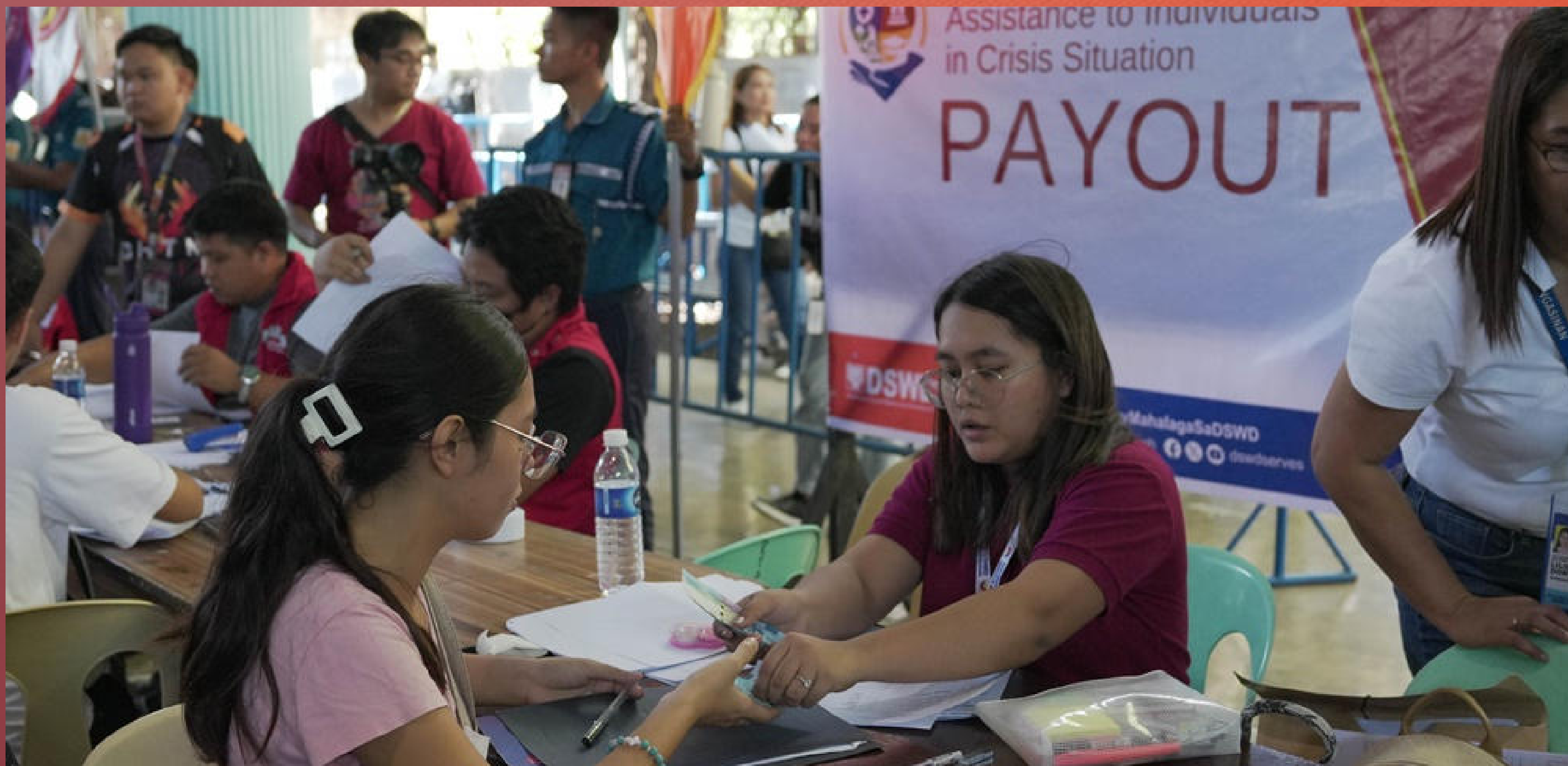




URDANETA CITY UNIVERSITY SUPPORTS LOW-INCOME STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE ACADEMIC SUCCESS



Urdaneta City University (UCU) continues to demonstrate its commitment to inclusive and equitable education through programs and initiatives designed to assist students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Specifically, the University prioritizes support for learners belonging to the bottom 20 percent of household income groups in the country, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder their pursuit of higher education.

Recognizing that access to education alone is not sufficient, UCU has established a comprehensive framework to help low-income students successfully complete their studies. This includes targeted financial assistance, academic mentoring, counseling services, and access to essential learning resources. These interventions are carefully structured to address the challenges that students from low-income families often face, such as limited study materials, transportation costs, and the need for additional academic guidance.

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These initiatives are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty), reflecting the University’s dedication to poverty alleviation through education. By providing structured support and monitoring progress, UCU ensures that its students not only enroll but also thrive and graduate, equipping them with the skills and opportunities necessary to improve their personal and family circumstances.

Through these programs, Urdaneta City University reaffirms its mission as a university for the people, transforming education into a powerful tool for social mobility, equity, and national development.

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URDANETA CITY UNIVERSITY POLICY ON SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENT SUCCESS

Policy Title: UCU Low-Income Student Academic Support Program

Effective Date: January 2024

I. Policy Statement

In line with its mission to provide inclusive and equitable quality education, Urdaneta City University (UCU) establishes the Low-Income Student Academic Support Program to ensure that students from the bottom 20 percent (20%) of household income groups, or other verified economically disadvantaged groups, receive the necessary assistance to successfully complete their studies.

This policy is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty) of the United Nations, reflecting UCU's commitment to reducing poverty through education by equipping students with the academic, financial, and psychosocial support needed to achieve degree completion.

II. Objectives

- 1.To provide comprehensive support for low-income students to ensure retention and successful program completion.
- 2.To reduce the risk of academic dropouts among economically disadvantaged learners.
- 3.To offer financial, academic, and psychosocial assistance, including scholarships, mentoring, and counseling services.
- 4.To contribute to poverty alleviation and social mobility through higher education.

To institutionalize monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to assess student progress and program effectiveness.

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III. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All students enrolled at Urdaneta City University who are **identified as belonging to the bottom 20% of household income groups** or otherwise verified as economically disadvantaged.
- All **academic, administrative, and student support offices** involved in the planning and implementation of student support programs.

IV. Policy Guidelines

1. Identification and Verification:

- Eligible students shall submit official documentation to verify their economic status, such as DSWD certification or barangay certificates of indigency.

2. Support Programs:

- The University shall provide access to:
 - a. Scholarships and tuition assistance
 - b. Academic mentoring and tutoring
 - c. Counseling and career guidance
 - d. Access to learning resources and livelihood training

3. Monitoring and Evaluation:

- The **Office of Student Affairs**, in coordination with the **Registrar** and **Planning and Development Office**, shall monitor the progress of beneficiaries and report annually to the University President.

4. Continuous Improvement:

- The University shall review and enhance the program regularly to ensure it effectively supports low-income students in completing their studies.

V. Effectivity

This policy shall take effect immediately upon approval and shall remain in force until amended or revoked.

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