



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTY THIRD (23RD) REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON JULY 17, 2023 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.

Present : Acting Vice Mayor Leren Mae M. Bautista, Temporary Presiding Officer
S.B. Member Marlo PJ A. Alipon
S.B. Member Jonathan Bryan S. Siytiap
S.B. Member Miko C. Pelegrina
S.B. Member Mark Lester B. Dizon
S.B. Member Benedicto S. Alborida
S.B. Member Mike Dexter A. Concio
S.B. Member Jerwin A. Molinawe
S.B. Member Gaudencio P. Macatangay, Liga President
Ms. Dona T. Alborida-Dizon, Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan
Ms. Felomina I. Lincallo, Computer Operator IV

Absent : Vice Mayor Josephine S. Evangelista, Acting Mayor
S.B. Member Jozlyn N. Manansala, SK Federation President, (O.B.)

Visitors : Mr. Jervo Castillo, LSPU Softball Team / Entom Tigers
Mr. Angelo Belgar, LSPU Softball Team / Entom Tigers
Hon. Reynaldo Castillo, Barangay Kagawad - Barangay Bagong Silang
Mr. Ryan Maghirang, Barangay Bagong Silang
Barangay Nutrition Scholars

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2368

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BAGONG LOS BAÑOS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.

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WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution provides that “[t]he State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all¹;

WHEREAS, the State is likewise mandated by the Constitution to establish and maintain a system of scholarship grants, student loan programs, subsidies and other incentives which shall be available to deserving students in both public and private schools, especially to the underprivileged²;

WHEREAS, Section 447 (a) (5) (xi) of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code, provides that the Sangguniang Bayan has a duty to “establish a scholarship fund for poor but deserving students residing within the municipality in schools located within its jurisdiction³”;

¹ 1987 Constitution, Article XIV, Section 1.

² *Id.* Section 2.

³ An Act Providing for a Local Government Code of 1991 [Local Government Code of 1991], Republic Act 7160, Section 447 (a) (5) (xi).

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Constitution and Republic Act 7160, the Sangguniang Bayan passed several ordinances regarding the Municipal Scholarship Program, namely Ordinance No. 2011- 1023, Ordinance No. 2013-1248, Ordinance No. 2014-1328, Ordinance No. 2016-1523 and Ordinance No. 2019-1872;

WHEREAS, through the aforementioned ordinances, scholarship grants are given to exemplary students enrolled in public schools, namely those who receive a general weighted average of not lower than 85% or 2.0 and no failing grade in any subject;

WHEREAS, according to UNESCO, a strong correlation exists between poverty and academic performance of students⁴, hence the need to bridge the societal gap of educational opportunities to those who need it the most;

WHEREAS, Batas Pambansa Blg. 232 or the Education Act of 1982 guarantees the right of every individual to have equal access to quality education, regardless of sex, age, creed, socio-economic status, physical and mental conditions, racial or ethnic origin, political or other affiliation⁵;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DepEd), through Department Order No. 031, series of 2022, promotes a rights-based education which emphasized the right to an inclusive, equitable and quality education of all students which shall include the disadvantaged, the minority groups and learners with disabilities⁶;

WHEREAS, the primary educational assistance programs of the national government such as the Education Contracting Program (ESC), the Senior High School Voucher (SHS VP) and the DSWD Financial Assistance, among others, provide educational assistance to students regardless of academic grades⁷;

WHEREAS, last September 5, 2022, the New Gender Development Code in the Municipality of Los Baños was passed which states that “the local government shall provide scholarship grants to ensure that equal opportunities are provided to all marginalized but deserving students, in public and private schools within the municipality⁸”;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of Los Baños (MGLB) endeavors to promote social justice and the right to quality and accessible education of all the residents of Los Baños both in private and public schools within the municipality;

WHEREAS, in view of the changing times and legal climate in the country and in the Municipality, there is a need for a more responsive, comprehensive, all-inclusive, and equitable educational assistance program in the Municipality of Los Baños;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Jonathan Bryan S. Siytiap duly seconded by Councilor Marlo PJ A. Alipon and approved by all the Councilors present;

⁴ Global Education Monitoring Report Team and UNESCO Institute for Statistics, *Reducing global poverty through universal primary and secondary education* (2017).

⁵ An Act Providing for the Establishment and Maintenance of an Integrated System of Education [Education Act of 1982], Batas Pambansa Blg. 232, Section 3 (1982).

⁶ Department of Education, *Child Rights Policy: Adopting the Rights-Based Education Framework in Philippine Basic Education*, Department Order No. 31, series of 2022.

⁷ Department of Education, *Guidelines on the Implementation of the Educational Service Contracting and Teachers' Salary Subsidy Programs in Junior High School effective School Year 2017-2018*, Department Order No. 20, series of 2017.

⁸ New Gender and Development Code of the Municipality of Los Baños, Ordinance No. 2022-2318, Article 32, Section 6 (2022).



BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA
in session assembled, THAT:

TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. **TITLE** – This Ordinance shall be known as “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BAGONG LOS BAÑOS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA”.

PURPOSE

SECTION 2. **PURPOSE** – This Ordinance primarily aims to:

1. Promote the right of the residents of Los Baños to quality and accessible education;
2. Provide equal opportunity to the students of Los Baños in receiving educational assistance from the local government unit, whether enrolled in a public or private school; and
3. Ensure that educational assistance is extended to the most in need, including the students belonging to the marginalized and low income families regardless of academic grades.

SECTION 3. **GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS OF BENEFICIARIES** – To be an eligible beneficiary of the Bagong Los Baños Educational Assistance Program, the following requisites must be present:

1. Student applicant must be a bona fide resident of Los Baños, Laguna; and
2. For Grades 7 to 12, the student applicant must be enrolled in a public or private school in Los Baños, Laguna. For College, the student applicant must be enrolled in a private, local, or state college/university within Laguna.

Those belonging to the marginalized sector and low-income families shall be prioritized.

SECTION 4. **REQUIREMENTS** – The new qualified applicants shall submit the following documents subject to evaluation:

1. Fully accomplished Application Form;
2. Certified True Copy of Enrollment Form or Registration Form;
3. Certificate of Residency issued by the barangay where the student resides; and
4. 3 pcs. recent picture, 1 x 1 size.

SECTION 5. **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANT** – The educational assistance shall be in the form of cash to be released directly to the student beneficiaries, or to the legal guardian in the case of minor beneficiaries.

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The amount of assistance shall be subject to the availability of resources and may be guided by the suggested amount hereunder:

Grade / Year Level	Minimum Amount of Educational Assistance
Grades 7- 10 (Junior High School)	Php 1,500 per year
Grades 11 – 12 (Senior High School)	Php 2,500 per year
College	Php 5,000 per semester

SECTION 6. TERMS AND CONDITIONS –

1. The Bagong Los Baños Educational Assistance Program shall be open to all incoming Junior High School (Grades 7-10), Senior High School (Grades 11 to 12), and College students who are bona fide residents of Los Baños, Laguna and shall operate on a first come, first served basis.
2. Only student applicants who submitted complete requirements within the designated application period may be considered for evaluation.
3. Only one student beneficiary shall be allowed per family. This shall be strictly implemented to ensure that the principles of fairness and equity are observed in the implementation of the program.
4. Under the condition that the requirements under Section 7 of this Ordinance are submitted, the educational assistance may be renewed for the next school year if the grantee is promoted to the next grade/year level and enrolls in a public or private school within Los Baños, Laguna (for Basic Education students) and a public, local, or state college/university within Laguna (for College students).
5. No maintaining average grade is required of grantees within the school year. However, grantees should get at least 75% or the equivalent final passing grade in all subjects enrolled at the end of the school year (for Junior High School) and at the end of the semester (for Senior High School and College).
6. The grant is terminated if a grantee does any of the following:
 - a. drops-out in the middle of the school year;
 - b. obtains a final failing mark in any subject at the end of semester/school year;
 - c. does not re-enroll the following school year;
 - d. fails to be promoted to the next grade/year level or is retained at the same grade/year level;
 - e. is suspended for more than two (2) weeks, dismissed, excluded, or expelled by the school for disciplinary reasons;
 - f. transfers to a school outside Los Baños, Laguna (for JHS and SHS) or to a college/university outside of Laguna (for College); or
 - g. commits any civil, administrative, or criminal offense within the duration of the grant.

7. The grant shall automatically be terminated upon the beneficiary's immediate moving up/graduation.
8. A Junior High School completer who intends to apply for educational assistance in SHS or a Senior High School graduate who intends to apply for educational assistance in College must re-apply for the program and submit a new set of documentary requirements.

SECTION 7. **RENEWAL** – To continuously avail of the Bagong Los Baños Educational Assistance Program, students must submit the following at the end of the school year:

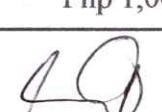
- 1. FOR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**
 - a. Photocopy of the Report Card from the recently-concluded grade/year level, with complete grades from 1st to 4th quarter period;
 - b. Proof of enrollment for the incoming grade/year level, e.g. Registration Form, Enrollment Form; and
 - c. Certification signed by the School Principal certifying that the student has not been suspended for more than two (2) weeks, dismissed, excluded, or expelled by the school for disciplinary reasons.
- 2. FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS**
 - a. Photocopy of the class cards/copy of grades from the previous year level/semester;
 - b. Proof of enrollment for the incoming year level, e.g. Registration Form, Enrollment Form; and
 - c. Certification signed by the Discipline Prefect/ Dean/ Head of the Office of Student Affairs certifying that the student has not been suspended for more than two (2) weeks, dismissed, excluded, or expelled by the school for disciplinary reasons.

SECTION 8. **FUNDING** – The source of fund for the implementation of the Educational Assistance Program shall be under the Office of the Mayor, Gender and Development (GAD) Office, Local Youth and Development Office (LYDO), and Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) or any other source, as applicable.

REWARDS AND INCENTIVES

SECTION 9. **ACADEMIC REWARDS** – Subject to the availability of resources, an additional cash incentive shall be given to student beneficiaries who will receive exemplary grades at the end of the school year guided by the below:

Grade/ Year Level	Grade Received	Suggested Minimum Amount of Cash Incentive
Grades 7-10	96 - 100	Php 1,500
	90 - 95	Php 1,000
Grades 11-12	96 - 100	Php 1,500
	90 - 95	Php 1,000



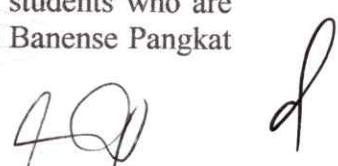

Grade/ Year Level	Grade Received	Suggested Minimum Amount of Cash Incentive
College	1.24 - 1.00 or equivalent	Php 1,500
	1.49 - 1.25 or equivalent	Php 1,000

SECTION 10. SPORTS INCENTIVE – Subject to the availability of resources, an additional cash incentive to be claimed not more than once a year, regardless of the number of contests won, may be given to student beneficiaries who would excel in the field of sports and represent the Municipality in various sports events sanctioned by the Philippine Sports Commission, or other duly-recognized national or international sports federations/bodies following the below:

Level/Category	Award Received	Suggested Minimum Amount of Cash Incentive
Provincial/ Regional	1st place, or equivalent	2,000
	2nd place, or equivalent	1,500
	3rd place, or equivalent	1,000
National	1st place, or equivalent	3,000
	2nd place, or equivalent	2,000
	3rd place, or equivalent	1,500
International	1st place, or equivalent	5,000
	2nd place, or equivalent	3,000
	3rd place, or equivalent	2,000

SECTION 11. EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AS SERVICE INCENTIVE – *Provided* that they are qualified beneficiaries pursuant to Section 3 of this Ordinance, the following shall have guaranteed slots in the Bagong Los Banos Educational Assistance Program in recognition of their service and valuable contributions to the Municipality:

1. A total of Forty-two (42) children of the Barangay Tanods, equally distributed among the 14 barangays or 3 slots per barangay;
2. Fifteen (15) qualified High School and College students who are members of the LB TALENTADOS: Bayle Los Banense Pangkat Mananayaw;



3. Twenty-two (22) High School and College students engaged in Agricultural Farm; and
4. One (1) child for each Barangay Nutrition Scholar and Barangay Health Worker.

FLOW AND PROCEDURE

SECTION 12. PROCEDURE –

Step 1	Submission of filled out application form and complete documentary requirements to the Local Youth and Development Office (LYDO)
Step 2	Screening of all applications
Step 3	Evaluation
Step 4	Posting of final list of beneficiaries
Step 5	Distribution of educational assistance to beneficiaries not later than November 30 of each year

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

SECTION 13. EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE – There shall be an Educational Assistance Program Committee (Committee) headed by the Local Chief Executive who shall serve as the Chairman. The Local Chief Executive, through an Executive Order, shall determine the composition of the Committee which shall include pertinent offices and/or municipal personnel for the proper and efficient implementation of the Educational Assistance Program.

SECTION 14. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE – The following functions shall be carried out by the Committee, or their designated and authorized representatives:

1. Supervise the dissemination of information campaign of the educational assistance program to primary, secondary schools and different barangays in the Municipality;
2. Formulate and adopt an evaluation/rating system for the selection of beneficiaries;
3. Review, amend, revise, or modify accordingly, in response to changing times and needs of the constituents, the guidelines of accepting student beneficiaries;
4. Conduct evaluation of all applications;
5. Approve the final list of student beneficiaries for implementation;
6. Maintain and keep records of student beneficiaries including accounting, financial records and scholastic performance records.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

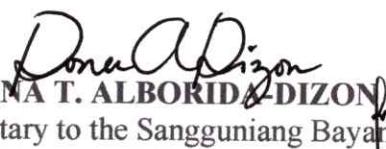
- SECTION 15.** **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – Should any position or provisions of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or illegal, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provision/s not declared unconstitutional or illegal thereby.
- SECTION 16.** **REPEALING CLAUSE** – All previous issuances, rules and regulations, ordinances and implementing guidelines on the municipal scholarship program are hereby repealed accordingly.
- SECTION 17.** **EFFECTIVITY** – This Ordinance shall take force and effect upon approval.

ENACTED : July 17, 2023

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Ordinance.

CERTIFIED ENACTED:


HON. LEREN MAE M. BAUTISTA
Acting Vice Mayor / Temporary Presiding Officer


DONA T. ALBORIDA-DIZON
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

APPROVED:


HON. ANTHONY F. GENUINO
Mayor