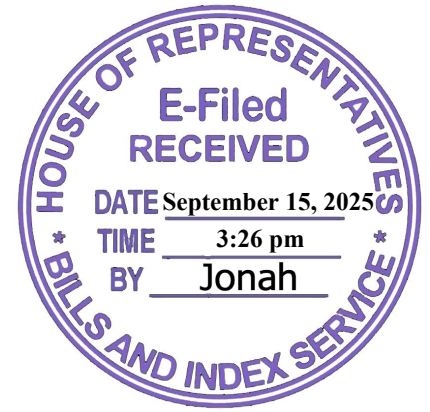


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is a fundamental right and an indispensable tool for national development. It opens opportunities for social advancement, improves quality of life and equips citizens with the skills needed to contribute meaningfully to the nation. Despite the government's continuing efforts to widen access to higher education, many Filipino families still face financial and other accessibility barriers that prevent their children from completing a college degree.

This proposed measure, "One Family, One Scholar Act", seeks to guarantee that at least one (1) member of every Filipino family shall be fully assisted to pursue and successfully complete a college education. This initiative acknowledges the transformative power of having even one graduate per household who then can be given the opportunity to engage in more meaningful employment for the benefit of the family.

Under this bill, priority shall be given to first-generation college students from households included in the *Listahanan 2.0* of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). Students who are not covered by *Listahanan 2.0* but come from low-income households shall also be considered eligible. By focusing on this sector, the measure ensures that the assistance reaches those who need it most.

Beneficiaries of the program will receive full tuition and other school fees subsidies, as well as allowances for living and other educational expenses, consistent with the provisions of Sections 4 and 7 of Republic Act No. 10931 or the *Universal Tertiary Education Act*.

Essentially, the enactment of the "One Family, One Scholar Act" is envisioned to help break the cycle of poverty by empowering Filipino families through education. By ensuring that no family is left without a college graduate, the State strengthens its commitment to inclusive growth, social justice and the constitutional mandate to make quality education accessible to all.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING A SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FOR EVERY FILIPINO FAMILY

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. **Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "*One Family, One Scholar Act of 2025.*"

SEC. 2. **Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. Towards this end, the State shall ensure that at least one (1) member of every Filipino family is given the opportunity to pursue and successfully complete a college education, thereby equipping families with the means to break the cycle of poverty and contribute to national development.

SEC. 3. **Establishment of One Family, One Scholar Program.** – There is hereby established a program to be known as the One Family, One Scholar Program, which shall ensure that at least one (1) qualified member of every Filipino family is assisted to pursue and successfully complete a college education.

The program shall:

- a) Identify eligible households and students in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and local government units (LGUs);
- b) Provide full tuition and other school fees subsidies and allowances, consistent with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10931 or the *Universal Access to Quality Education Act*;
- c) Prioritize first-generation college students from households included in the *Listahanan 2.0* and extend coverage to other low-income households not covered by *Listahanan 2.0*; and
- d) Ensure that beneficiaries are enrolled in recognized state universities and colleges (SUCs), local universities and colleges (LUCs), or private higher

education institutions (HEIs) accredited by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

SEC. 4. **Coverage.** – The benefits of this Act shall apply to qualified students enrolled in SUCs, LUCs and private HEIs with programs recognized by CHED.

Priority in the selection of beneficiaries shall be given to:

- a) First-generation college students who are members of households included in the *Listahanan 2.0* of the DSWD; and
- b) Students from low-income households who are not covered by the *Listahanan 2.0* but otherwise qualified, as may be determined by DSWD and CHED, in coordination with relevant government agencies.

SEC. 5. **Benefits.** – The qualified scholars shall be entitled to the following:

- a) Full tuition and other school fees subsidies, in accordance with Section 4 of Republic Act No. 10931 or the *Universal Access to Tertiary Education Act*; and
- b) Allowances for books, transportation, board and lodging, and other related educational expenses as provided for under Section 7 of the same law.

SEC. 6. **Implementing Agency.** – The CHED, in coordination with the DSWD, SUCs, LUCs, private HEIs and other concerned agencies, shall be the primary implementing body of this Act. It shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to effectively carry out the provisions hereof.

SEC. 7. **Monitoring and Evaluation.** – The CHED shall establish a system of monitoring and evaluation to ensure that beneficiaries are able to complete their courses within the prescribed period. Beneficiaries must maintain satisfactory academic performance as determined by the implementing guidelines.

SEC. 8. **Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to implement this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the CHED. Thereafter, such sums shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. **Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, CHED, in consultation with the DSWD, SUCs, LUCs, private HEIs and other concerned stakeholders, shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. **Separability Clause.** – If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and other issuance inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. ***Effectivity Clause.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,