

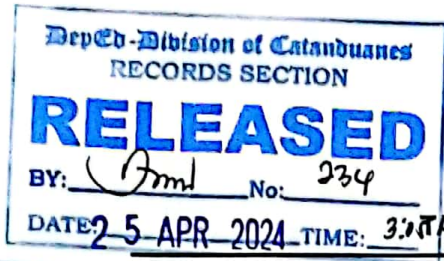


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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 234, s. 2024

2024 REGIONAL SEARCH FOR TEN OUTSTANDING 4Ps BICOLANO YOUTH

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, CID & SGOD
Public Schools District Supervisors/In-Charge of the Districts
Public Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Relative to the letter from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) dated March 24, 2024, there will be an inaugural Regional Search for Ten Outstanding 4Ps Bicolano Youth (RSTOBY) with the theme "4Ps Bicolano Youth Leading the Way in Excellence, Positive Change, and Service."

2. This search seeks to commend 4Ps youth who have made positive contributions within their communities, showcasing their impact through active participation in various youth organizations both within educational institutions and broader community. Furthermore, the stories of these young individuals are intended to encourage greater involvement of the youth in transforming their lives and lifestyles.

3. All Secondary Schools are encouraged to scout and send at least one (1) entry to represent their school. The applicant should be a 4Ps youth beneficiary aged 15-18 by October 31, 2024, regardless of gender, sex, religion, or cultural background. The specific implementation guidelines are hereto attached and can also be accessed through this link: <https://bit.ly/RSTOBYGuidelines2024>.

4. Entries should be submitted through this link: <https://bit.ly/2024RSTOBY> on or before **May 31, 2024**.

5. For queries, you may contact the Division 4Ps Focal Person, Ms. Marife B. Brequillo, SEPS-SocMobNet at 09958438071 or Mr. Dickson A. Tendido, PDO II, 4Ps Youth Development Focal Person at 09959373754.

6. For information, guidance and widest dissemination.


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24 March 2024

MS. SOCORRO V. DELA ROSA
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Dear Ms. Dela Rosa:

Greetings from DSWD Field Office VI!

In 2019, the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) was enacted into a law which known as the Republic Act No. 11310, that made the program as a flagship poverty reduction strategy and a human capital investment program of the government. In light of the enactment of the law, there is a necessity to enhance the communication of program messages to ensure the achievement of goals and highlight extraordinary stories of resilience in the face of poverty, showcasing their dedication to education, the embodiment of positive Filipino values, and their efforts to make a positive impact within their families, schools, and communities.

This year, the DSWD 4Ps Field Office V is set to organize its inaugural **Regional Search for Outstanding 4Ps Bicolano Youth (RSTOBY)** with the theme **"4Ps Bicolano Youth Leading the Way in Excellence, Positive Change, and Service"**. The activity aims to cultivate more advocates and ambassadors for conveying program messages and acknowledge the praiseworthy qualities, dedication of 4Ps youth. Furthermore, the search seeks to commend 4Ps youth who have made positive contributions within their communities, showcasing their impact through active participation in various youth organizations both within educational institutions and the broader community.

With this, may we respectfully request from your office to disseminate the said activity to all the secondary schools under your division and encourage them to send at least one (1) entry to represent their respective schools. The applicant should be a 4Ps youth beneficiary aged 15 to 18 by October 31, 2024, regardless of gender, sex, religion, or cultural background. The specific implementation guidelines for the 2024 RSTOBY can be accessed by visiting this link:

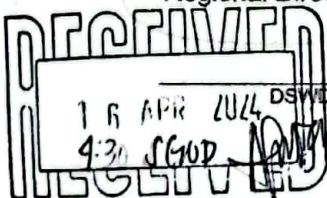
Entries should be submitted through this link: [\[Link\]](#). Deadline of application will be on **May 31, 2024**.

Should you have clarifications, you may contact **Mr. Dickson A. Tendido, PDO II- 4Ps Youth Development Focal Person** at **0995-937-3754**.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

NORMAN S. LAURIO
Regional Director





IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES OF THE 2024 REGIONAL SEARCH FOR TEN OUTSTANDING 4Ps BICOLANO YOUTH

I. RATIONALE

In 2019, the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) was enacted into a law that made the program a "national poverty reduction strategy and a human capital investment program that provides conditional cash transfer to poor households for a maximum period of seven years".¹ The cash grants are meant to help improve the education and health conditions of these households. Under the law, the 4Ps become a regular program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

In light of Republic Act 11310, commonly referred to as the 4Ps Act, there is a necessity to enhance the communication of program messages to ensure the achievement of goals and objectives, along with adherence to established processes and guidelines. The collaboration between the Regional Program Management Office (RPMO), specifically the Youth Development Unit, and the Social Marketing Unit (SMU) has been established to execute social marketing and advocacy initiatives related to youth development. This partnership aims to bolster program operations, fostering the desired behavioral changes among stakeholders.

The inaugural Regional Search for Outstanding 4Ps Bicolano Youth (RSTOBY) with the theme "**4Ps Bicolano Youth Leading the Way in Excellence, Positive Change, and Service**" serves as a supplementary initiative by the field office, complementing the routine annual activities of the Social Marketing Unit, namely the Search for Huwarang Pantawid Pamilya and the Search for Pantawid Pamilya Exemplary Children, which commenced in 2012. The introduction of RSTOBY this year aims to cultivate more advocates and ambassadors for conveying program messages and acknowledge the praiseworthy qualities, dedication, and proactive endeavors of 4Ps youth that can serve as inspirations for others. Additionally, the search seeks to commend 4Ps youth who have made positive contributions within their communities, showcasing their impact through active participation in various youth organizations both within educational institutions and the broader community. Furthermore, the stories of these young individuals are intended to encourage greater involvement of the youth in transforming their lives and lifestyles.

Similar to the Search for Huwarang Pantawid Pamilya and the Regional Search for Exemplary Children, this initiative aspires to provide additional motivation for 4Ps families, particularly the Pantawid Youth, to adhere to program conditions. The aim is to highlight their extraordinary stories of resilience in the face of poverty, showcasing their dedication to education, the embodiment of positive Filipino values, and their efforts to make a positive impact within their families, schools, and communities.

II. LEGAL BASES

1. **Section 13, Article II, The 1987 Philippine Constitution.** The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.
2. **Presidential Decree No. 603 (The Child and Youth Welfare Code).** It states that "The child shall enjoy special protection and shall be given opportunities and facilities, by law and by other means, to ensure and enable his fullest development physically, mentally, emotionally, morally, spiritually and socially in a healthy and normal manner and conditions of freedom and dignity appropriate to the corresponding developmental stage."
3. **Republic Act 8044 Youth In Nation Building Act.** The State recognizes its responsibility to enable the youth to fulfill their vital role in nation-building and established the National Comprehensive and Coordinated Program on Youth Development. It also created the structures to implement the same and appropriated adequate funds to support the program and implement structures on a continuing, sustained basis.
4. **Philippine Youth Development Plan 2023-2028.** Enjoins all state duty bearers at the national and local levels to maximize the participation of the youth in nation-building as responsible and proactive citizens. It informs our development partners such as civil society and non-government organizations, international and national donors, the Church, media, and the business community of the rewarding social, economic, and ethical opportunities of fully engaging the youth in their respective programs.
5. **Section 22, Rule 10- Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 11310.** Youth Development Sessions or other similar activities shall be encouraged among the young members of the households as complementary learning to the FDS condition. It provides additional learning intervention to adolescent children of 4Ps households ages 10-18 years old.

III. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES

A. Objectives

Generally, the activity seeks to acknowledge exceptional Pantawid Pamilya youth who serve as role models within their homes, schools, and communities. Additionally, its goal is to inspire young individuals to become active and engaged citizens, surpassing mere compliance with the program's requirements.

Specifically, the RSOBY aims to:

1. Promote outstanding adherence of youth beneficiaries to the program's conditions and shared responsibilities by acknowledging those who demonstrate exceptional

commitment.

2. Develop the Pantawid Pamilya youth beneficiaries as advocates of the program and its thrusts in health and education
3. Recognize the contributions and achievements of the Pantawid Pamilya youth in creating positive impacts on their families and communities.
4. Convey the advocacy efforts of the program, championing the value of health and education in poverty alleviation, and combating gender and culture-based discrimination and violence in families and communities.

B. Eligibility

1. The search is open to all **Pantawid Pamilya youth beneficiaries of the Bicol Region aged 15 to 18 years old only by October 31 of the current year** regardless of sex, gender, religion, and cultural background.
2. The youth applicant must be:
 - **currently an active monitored beneficiary (Client Status 1) of the Pantawid Program for at least one (1) year;**
 - **duly enrolled for the school year 2023-2024;**
 - **compliant with the school attendance requirement of the program (at least 90% school attendance from the preceding school year);**
 - **with good scholastic standing**
 - **have a good grasp, understanding, and appreciation of the 4Ps;**
 - **vaccinated against the CoVID-19**
3. The youth applicant is required to exhibit the following educational qualities/characteristics:
 - **Academic excellence** in learning areas in the school curriculum
 - **Active in co-curricular activities** such as engagement at all levels (school, division, regional, national, and international) in five (5) areas namely: (a) contests and competitions, (b) student leadership, (c) campus journalism, (d) officership and membership, and (e) participation or attendance
 - **With good moral character** (No records of behavioral and conduct problems)
 - **Conversant on the conditions of the program**
 - **Able to advocate the thrusts of Pantawid Pamilya**
4. **Demonstrate leadership skills** with strong potential for leadership roles in the future;
5. **Demonstrate commitment to civic action, strong academic and social skills, and interest in community service.**
6. **Attended training on gender and development, youth leadership, and other relevant training.**
7. **With at least one (1) Involvement In school organizations and one (1) organization** in the community.
8. Have permission from parents/guardians and schools to participate in the entire program.

C. Procedures

C. 1. Submission of Application

1. Applicants must complete and submit an application through the provided this link: <https://bit.ly/2024RSTO4BY>. This information will aid the Selection Committee in identifying and shortlisting applicants for panel interviews.
2. The application will start on March 5, 2024. Call for applications will be posted through the various social media platforms of DSWD.
3. Every applicant must upload scanned copies of documents needed by each area of the form. See the annexes of this document for the template of the certifications. The following documents must be scanned (PDF format) and submitted during the application:

2.1. To be Prepared by the Applicant

- Brief write-up about the applicant and his/her family written in either English or Filipino Language
- 2 x 2 Picture with White Background (Soft/ Digital Copy)
- Birth Certificate
- Certificates of training and seminars attended.
- Certificates or awards won by the youth, if any
- Certification from community organizations the youth is involve of (Annex C)

2.2. To be Issued by the School

- Endorsement letter signed by the class adviser and school head supporting the applicant.
- Testimony from the teachers (Annex A)
- Certification from school organizations where the youth is part of (Annex B)

Note: The presence of any inaccuracies in the submitted documents or requirements will result in the disqualification or exclusion of the applicant from the selection process. The 4Ps program ensures the protection of all personal data collected from families by DSWD staff, aligning with the guidelines set forth in the Republic Act 10173, also recognized as the Data Privacy Act of 2012

4. The deadline for submission of the application will be on **May 31, 2024; at 11:59 pm.**

C. 2. Shortlisting of the Applicants

1. The members of the Regional Selection Committee will shortlist the applicants.
2. The regional selection committee will be composed of the following:
 - 4Ps Regional Youth Development Session Focal Person (RYDSFP)
 - 4Ps Regional Compliance Verification Officer (RCVO)
 - 4Ps Regional Gender and Development Officer (RGADO)
 - 4Ps Regional Indigenous Peoples Focal (RIPF)
 - DSWD Youth Sectoral Focal

3. A standard set of criteria and a weighting system will be used by the Regional Selection Committee in shortlisting the applicants. The following criteria are the following:

Criteria	%
Significant Contributions to the Community	
- School Organizations Engagement	10%
- Community Organizations Engagement	15%
- Community projects spearheaded	15%
- Community projects participated	10%
- Advocacies Being Championed With	10%
Training on Gender and Development, Leadership, Youth Development, etc.	5%
Write-Up	10%
Honors and Awards Received	10%
Answers to the Short Essay (Google Form)	15%
Total Percentage	100%

4. The shortlisted participants will be notified at least one (1) week before the scheduled online interview.

C. 3. Online Interview of the Shortlisted Applicants

1. The members of the Regional Selection Committee will be convened for the online panel interview. Three (3) additional panelists will be invited for the online panel interview namely:
 - One (1) Representative from the Civil Society Organization (CSO) catering children and youth sector
 - One (1) Representative from the Department of Education (DepEd)
 - One (1) Representative from the Council on the Welfare of Children
2. Each applicant will receive a set of questions that they must answer within the specified time frame.
3. A uniform set of criteria and percentage weighting for evaluation will be employed in the search. The criteria outlined below will serve as the foundation for presenting the Top 10 regional winners.
4. After the completion of interviews for all shortlisted participants, the Regional Selection Committee members will engage in deliberations to determine the winners.
5. Fifty percent (50%) of the scores will stem from the outcomes of desk validation, while the remaining 50% will be derived from the online interview results.

6. Ten (10) successful applicants will receive notifications via email from the YDS Focal. Additionally, the announcement of the ten winners will be posted on the Agency's social media platforms.

C. 4. Regional Confirmation and Recognition of the Ten Outstanding 4Ps Bicolano Youth

1. The winners will participate in the regional awarding event scheduled to take place in Legazpi City, Albay, from August 11 to 13, 2024.
2. The winners will engage in a series of workshops, seminars, and sessions aimed at enhancing their knowledge and skills.
3. The winners will be awarded and received with cash, plaques, and tokens.
4. The winners will be part of the pool of YDS Facilitators and the Pantawid Youth Gender and Development Trainers Pool (PYGADTP).

IV. ROLES OF THE WINNERS OF THE SEARCH

1. Serve as the *Pantawid Pamilya* Youth Ambassador for youth-focused initiatives in the areas of education, health, gender, and cultural sensitivity.
2. Participate in training on personality development, skills enhancement, and meetings on PYGADTP.
3. Act as resource persons during the youth development sessions and other youth activities.
4. Attend press conferences and radio/ local television programs/guesting for the *Pantawid Pamilya* that the regional office will coordinate.
5. Serve as a model for audio-visual presentations, radio plugs, and photo shoots.
6. Deliver messages/speeches for activities about or relevant to children's rights, health, and education.
7. Must at all times exhibit proper manners and conduct as outstanding youths of the program.
8. The title may be stripped or withdrawn anytime during the period if any negative reports on the youth are received by the NPMO and RPMO, subject to due process and validation.

V. ACTIVITY TIMELINE

Date	Activity	Responsible Persons
First Week of March	Preparation and Distribution of Communication Letters to the School Division Offices	Youth Development Session (YDS) Focal
First Week of March	Posting of Announcement of the Activity to the DSWD Social Media Platforms	Social Marketing Unit
March 5, 2024	First day of the Application	YDS Focal

May 31, 2024	Last Day of the Application	YDS Focal
June 1-16, 2024	Shortlisting of the Application	Selection Committee
June 17, 2024	Notification of the Shortlisted Applicants for Online Interview	YDS Focal
June 18-22, 2024	Online Panel Interview of the Shortlisted Applicants	Selection Committee and External Partners
July 15, 2024	Announcement of Winners	YDS Focal
August 11-13, 2023	Awarding and Confirmation in Legazpi City	YDS Focal

VI. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

The nullification or later modifications of any portion or clauses within this set of guidelines will not impact the validity of the remaining content.

VII. REPEALING CLAUSE

This set of guidelines supersedes all issuances inconsistent herewith. All matters not covered by this procedure that require clarification shall be brought to the attention of the Regional Program Management Office for immediate resolution.

VIII. EFFECTIVITY

This set of implementing guidelines shall take effect immediately and shall be circulated to all 4Ps City/Municipal Operations Offices and partner stakeholders.

Approved by:


NORMAN S. LAURIO
 Regional Director
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