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Memorandum To:

**Chiefs CID & SGOD
 Education Program Supervisors
 Elementary and Secondary School Heads**

From : **SOCORRO V. DELA ROSA, CESO VI**
 Schools Division Superintendent

Subject : **Scholarships in Teacher Education Programs to Upgrade Teacher Quality in the Philippines (STEP UP) a Scholarship Campaign Implemented by Philippine Business Education (PBED)**

Date : **August 22, 2017**

1. This is to inform the field that the Philippine Business for Education (PBED) in partnership with the Australian Government is implementing the Scholarships in Teacher Education Program to Upgrade Teacher Quality in the Philippines (STEP- UP). It is a scholarship program that aims to produce 1,000 high quality teachers ready for public school employment by 2019.

2. For SY 2017-2018, the program is open to young professionals, career shifters and graduate of any Bachelor's Degree except for BS Education.

3. Qualifications:

Qualifications	<p>College Graduates/ College Teachers/ Career Shifters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate of any Bachelor's Degree, except BS Education (preferably a BS Math, Accountancy, Engineering, Statistics, Economics, Medical Sciences, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Literature, Communication, Social Work, Behavioral Sciences, Social Sciences and other related courses. • Must have at least a general weighted average of 85% or equivalent in college
Requirements	<p>Core Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Form • Undergraduate transcript of records / certified true copy of grades • Certificate of general average • Two (2) reference forms signed by teachers/employers <p>Secondary Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth certificate • Certificate of good moral character • Curriculum vitae • Consent to study

4. Application forms and other downloadable templates are available at www.stepupph.org.
5. Photocopies of the said documents will be accepted.
6. Applicants must complete the core documents and submit *either* the soft or hard copy of their completed application. **The deadline of submission will be on August 25, 2017.**
 - Soft copy : Apply online via [http://online stepupph.org/](http://online.stepupph.org/)
 - Hard copy: Anna Sarte, 6th floor , 115 Glass Tower, C. Palanca Jr. St. , Legaspi Village, Makati City
7. Attached are the letters from STEPUP and PBED for your guidance.
8. For your information, guidance and appropriate action.



About PBEEd

Philippine Business for Education (PBEEd) is a non-profit, non-stock organization established in 2006 by top CEOs in the Philippines as a response to the call to nurture consensus and sustain actions for education policy reform. It aims to become the voice of the business community in matters concerning education in the country.

The improvement of teacher quality in the country is a cornerstone of PBEEd's education reform efforts. Cognizant of the importance of excellent teachers, PBEEd has launched several programs to help address the declining quality of teachers in the country. One of such efforts is Scholarships in Teacher Education Program to Upgrade Teacher Quality in the Philippines (STEP UP).

STEP UP

STEP UP (Scholarships for Teacher Education Programs to Upgrade Teacher Quality) is a scholarship campaign supported by the Australian Government and in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd) that seeks to attract the top 25% of graduating high school students, financially challenged junior students in the partner schools, and good-performing college graduates and professionals into the teaching profession by offering them competitive scholarship packages. A total of 1,000 scholarships will be awarded to deserving candidates between the years 2015 to 2019. The goal of the program is to produce 1,000 high quality teachers ready for public school employment by 2019.

For the S.Y. 2017-2018, the program is open to young professionals, career shifters and graduates of any bachelor's degree except for BS Education.

Scholarship Benefits

- Free tuition and miscellaneous fees
- Php 4,000 monthly allowance
- Php 3,000 book allowance per semester
- Php 1,000 uniform allowance per semester
- Php 2,000 monthly dormitory allowance
- Php 5,000 one-time relocation allowance
- Php 5,000 one-time Thesis or Practice Teaching Allowance
- Php 2,000 graduation and miscellaneous fees assistance
- Maximum of Php 11,500 LET assistance package
- Php 3,000 one-time return allowance
- Php 5,000 reimbursable basic health assistance per school year
- Mentoring package

Partner Institutions

For its implementation, STEP UP will be available in eight (8) top-performing TEIs, strategically located nationwide.

Deadline: August 25, 2017	
Philippine Normal University-Manila (PNU)	Xavier University-Ateneo De Cagayan (XU)
Ateneo de Naga University (ADNU)	Ateneo de Zamboanga University (ADZU)
West Visayas State University (WVSU)	
Cebu Normal University (CNU)	

college graduates / college teachers / career shifters	
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Requirements	<p>Core Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application Form - Undergraduate transcript of records/ certified true copy of grades - Certificate of general average - Two (2) reference forms signed by teachers/ employers

	<p>Secondary Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Birth certificate - Certificate of Good Moral - Curriculum Vitae - Consent to Study
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Note:

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- Photocopies of the said documents will be accepted.

Application Process

1. Document Screening - Applicants must complete the core documents and submit either the soft or hard copy of their completed application.
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PBEEd shall assess the documents for completeness, accuracy, and quality.

2. Examinations - After screening the documents, qualified applicants need to pass two exams, namely the Philippine Aptitude Test for Teachers (PATT), which serves as STEP UP's qualifying exam and the partner TEI's entrance exam. Passers of both exams shall be notified about their acceptance in the scholarship program. Secondary documents must also be submitted before or during the exam.
3. Live Meet Up - A series of activities including a group discussion, demo teaching, and panel interview shall be conducted. Applicants will be graded based on their performance in each activity.
4. Notification of results and enrollment - All applicants will be informed of the results of the application. The STEP UP Team and the school mentors will then assist the applicants in their enrollment in the partner TEI.

Conditions:

Chosen scholars must maintain 85% and above general average, must not drop or fail subjects, must take and pass the LET, and must teach in a public school for three years.



July 28, 2017

Dir. Ramon Fiel G. Abecede
Director IV
OIC- Office of the Regional Director
Department of Education-Region V

Dear Dir. Abecede:

Greetings from Philippine Business for Education!

Since 2006, PBE has been the business community's response to the need for sustained advocacy in education reform. In partnership with the Australian government, it is also implementing the Scholarships in Teacher Education Program to Upgrade Teacher Quality in the Philippines (STEP UP). It is a scholarship program that aims to produce 1,000 high quality teachers ready for public school employment by 2019.

PBE is conducting a series of communication campaigns nationwide to disseminate information to promote the program. In line with this, we hope to seek for your endorsement thru the following:

1. Display of posters and collaterals in the office building premises
2. Mentions in the official online platforms
3. Inclusion in public announcements

Through this collaboration, your organization will be able to help us recruit potential teachers who will take part in uplifting the image of teacher quality in the country. In particular, we wish to attract public senior high school teachers who do not have the professional licence yet.

We believe that equipping them with 18 education units in our partner schools will allow them to become better educators and take part in the improvement of Philippine education. In the region, the scholarship is available in Ateneo de Naga University.

Attached to this letter are PBE brochure and STEP UP briefers for your reference.

For confirmation, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Anna Sarte, program officer, thru phone (02) 801 4446 or mobile 0917 8158305 and e-mail at absarte@pbed.ph or visit www.stepupph.org.

Thank you very much and we look forward to your support in advancing the state of Philippine education.

Sincerely,

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STEP UP Program Manager