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## **PhP4.8-B Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) released to students in public universities**

The most important social justice program of the Duterte Administration, Republic Act (RA) 10931 also known as the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (UAQTEA) is now fully felt by millions of students enrolled in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs) with the release of the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES), one of the core components of the Law with funding of PhP16 billion from the national government.

The TES is given to poor but deserving students who are enrolled in the 112 state universities and colleges (SUCs) and 78 local universities and colleges (LUCs) and whose names appear in the *Listahanan 2.0* or the *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)* list of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). TES beneficiaries in public universities get PhP40,000/year that they can use for books, transportation, supplies, room and board fees and other education-related expenses.

All students in SUCs and LUCs enjoy free tuition and miscellaneous fees since June 2018. The TES is an additional benefit given to financially-needy students.

Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III explained, “Last month, we released PhP567 million for the stipends of 13,760 continuing Expanded Student Grants-in-Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation (ESGPPA) scholars. Today, we are releasing the checks for SUCs and LUCs so they can give the stipends of 117,133 new TES beneficiaries”.

Based on CHED-UniFAST data, the following universities have the largest number of TES grantees:

<b>TOP 10 STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES</b>				
<b>RANK</b>	<b>REGION</b>	<b>NO. OF TES GRANTEES</b>	<b>NAME OF SUC</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
1	Region 9	3,997	Jose Rizal Memorial State University	164,676,400.00
2	Region 9	3,104	Western Mindanao State University	127,843,600.00
3	Region 8	3,079	Eastern Visayas State University	126,854,800.00
4	Region 7	2,959	Cebu Technological University	121,910,800.00
5	CARAGA	2,936	Surigao Del Sur State University	120,963,200.00
6	Region 4	2,871	Batangas State University	118,285,200.00
7	Region 6	2,606	Capiz State University	107,367,200.00
8	Region 7	2,602	Bohol Island State University	107,202,400.00
9	Region 8	2,462	University of Eastern Philippines	101,434,400.00
10	MIMAROPA	2,209	Romblon State University	91,010,800.00

**TABLE 1. TOP 10 STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES WITH TES GRANTEES**

TOP 10 LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES				
RANK	REGION	NO. OF TES GRANTEES	NAME OF LUC	AMOUNT
1	Region 4	1,204	Kolehiyo ng Lungsod ng Lipa	49,604,800.00
2	Region 11	435	Monkayo College of Arts, Sciences and Techno	17,922,000.00
3	Region 10	375	Opol Community College	15,450,000.00
4	Region 10	363	Gov. Alfonso D. Tan College	14,955,600.00
5	Region 5	358	Caramoan Community College	14,749,600.00
6	Region 5	348	Baao Community College	14,337,600.00
7	Region 4	311	Laguna University	12,813,200.00
8	Region 12	288	Makilala Institute of Science and Technology	11,865,600.00
9	Region 6	282	Passi City College	11,618,400.00
10	Region 5	280	Ligao Community College	11,536,000.00

**TABLE 2. TOP 10 LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES WITH TES GRANTEES**

Responding to the instructions of Chairman De Vera, some SUCs, like Cagayan State University have already given out the stipends of students for the first semester. Fr. Ranhilio Aquino, Vice President for Administration and Finance proudly reports this on his Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/rannieaquino/posts/2334663056563304>

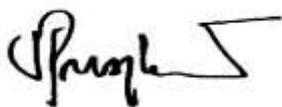
President Danilo Abayon of Aklan State University has organized and oriented grantees under the TES Grantees Organization (TES GO) and will release stipends right after the Christmas break. Dr. Abayon posted the event on his Facebook page with students and their parents in attendance:

<https://www.facebook.com/danilo.abayon/posts/10217714879679298>

Finally, Dr. de Vera called on administrators of SUCs and LUCs to put in place guidance counseling, tutorials and other student support services to ensure that TES grantees will be able complete their degrees.

“This is the best Christmas gift given by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to our poor but deserving students, let us ensure the implementation of RA 10931 is executed promptly and benefit those that need it most,” ends the CHED Chair.

For more information on the procedures of the grant of TES benefits, please visit [www.ched.gov.ph/unifast](http://www.ched.gov.ph/unifast) or email [unifastsecretariat@ched.gov.ph](mailto:unifastsecretariat@ched.gov.ph)



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