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## **CHED and UNIFAST release TES stipends to 120,000 grantees in private universities**

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) continue to make Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) stipends available to grantees enrolled in private higher education institutions (PHEIs) as the country copes with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has released the amount of P3.6 billion to cover the partial payment of TES benefits to grantees enrolled in 404 PHEIs for the 1st semester of Academic Year 2019-2020.

An initial 120,000 students from 404 PHEIs nationwide will get their TES.

“The Commission is instructing these 404 private schools to immediately coordinate with their grantees on the best way to distribute TES while following their respective local government quarantine rules,” said CHED and UniFAST Board Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III.

According to De Vera, CHED will continue to facilitate the downloading of TES grants to the qualified beneficiaries in the remaining PHEIs as soon as funds are released by the DBM.

The TES is a government grants-in-aid program made possible through Republic Act 10931 that gives P60,000 per school year to financially needy students in private schools and those studying in private schools in municipalities and cities without public universities. The TES is used by students to pay their tuition and miscellaneous fees and other education expenses. It is the flagship social development program of the Duterte administration on higher education.

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