



Press Release
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TES stipends released to more than 292,000 grantees for A.Y. 2019-2020

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) has started the release of additional Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) stipends to 292,438 grantees in both public and private higher education institutions (HEIs).

The new releases were due to the downloading of P6-billion by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to CHED recently. The grantees who will receive the TES are the following:

1. 3,529 Expanded Students' Grants-in-Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation (ESGP-PA) beneficiaries (1st semester)
2. 44,224 new grantees in public HEIs (1st semester)
3. 97,173 continuing private HEIs grantees (1st semester and part of 2nd semester)
4. 147,512 continuing Tulong Dunong Program beneficiaries (1st and 2nd semester)

The qualified grantees that will receive TES stipends are from the state universities and colleges (SUCs), local universities & colleges (LUCs), and private higher education institutions (HEIs) that have complied with the necessary requirements by CHED and the UniFAST Secretariat.

Last March, TES stipends were initially released to 23,319 continuing grantees in 51 SUCs and LUCs that have already completed their submission of liquidation requirements for the first semester of AY 2019-2020. It was followed by 404 private HEIs nationwide that disbursed the subsidy to 120,798 grantees and another batch of TES stipends were released to 105 public HEIs benefitting 62,671 students.

“The Commission is releasing the additional TES stipends as soon as the money is downloaded to us by DBM because we know that the students need this badly during the pandemic. I am instructing all public and private HEIs to fast track the distribution of the TES to their students so they can use this for paying their existing school fees and attend classes through flexible learning in August 2020,” said CHED and UniFAST Board Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III.

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