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WHEREAS, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution declares that it is a policy of the State to give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;

WHEREAS, pursuant to this policy, in Batas Pambansa Blg. 232, or the Education Act of 1992, the State established an integrated system of education to promote the right of every individual to relevant quality education, regardless of sex, age, creed, socio-economic status, physical and mental conditions, racial or ethnic origin, political or other affiliation;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11291 or the Magna Carta of the Poor, recognizes that one of the fundamental rights of the poor is the Right to Relevant and Quality Education which is crucial to attain the full development of the human person;

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, established the *Listahanan Talaan ng Pamilyang Nangangailangan* to identify and target the poorest households in the country so that they can be given assistance through various social welfare programs;

WHEREAS, numerous Pasigueño learners as well as their families have expressed to the City Government of Pasig their desire to pursue higher learning after completion of their secondary education in order to equip themselves with more knowledge, skills, and expertise needed for gainful employment;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Pasig also recognizes a prevailing concern that the foremost challenge to a pursuit of higher education is financial limitations and economic hardship;

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WHEREAS, Section 4.1 of Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides for the State's recognition of the complementary roles of public and private institutions in the educational system;

WHEREAS, Section 458(5)(xi) of Republic Act No. 7610, or the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers the Sangguniang Panlungsod to pass or approve ordinances which shall ensure the efficient and effective delivery of the basic services and facilities which includes establishing a scholarship fund for the poor but deserving students in schools located within its jurisdiction or for students residing within the city;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the City of Pasig to provide a scholarship program which aims to prioritize poor but deserving students of the City of Pasig;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PASIG CITY, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, THAT:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program".

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared that the City Government of Pasig shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and that appropriate steps, such as scholarships especially to the underprivileged, shall be undertaken to make such education accessible to all.

Similarly, the complementary roles of public and private institutions in the education system are hereby recognized and are deemed truly critical in ensuring equitable access to quality education in all levels for all Pasigueños. The City Government of Pasig thus remains unwavering in its commitment to help strengthen the capacity and capability of both public and private schools to effectively impart essential knowledge, hone a wide range of skills, and instill values in every Pasigueño learner. It also further recognizes and appreciates the contribution of the private educational institutions, particularly the tertiary institutions, in further empowering the capacity of the State to ably educate its young learners.

For these purposes, the City Government of Pasig shall provide the mechanisms to increase such access to private tertiary institutions, who remain partners of the government, in empowering the learners of Pasig City.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

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- 3.1 **Higher Education** refers to the stage of formal education or its equivalent, requiring completion of secondary education and covering programs of study leading to bachelor and advanced degrees, including associate degrees;
- 3.2 **Higher Education Institution (HEI)** refers to an education institution authorized and recognized by the CHED to offer bachelor's degree or graduate courses;
- 3.3 **Household Income** refers to the sum of income and earnings of members of the immediate/ nuclear family;
- 3.4 **National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) or Listahanan** refers to the information management of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) that identified who and where the poor are in the country. The system makes available to national government agencies and other social protection stakeholders a database of poor families as reference in identifying potential beneficiaries of social protection programs;
- 3.5 **Private higher education institution** refers to a HEI not owned and controlled by the government or its instrumentalities;
- 3.6 **Private technical-vocational institution** refers to post-secondary technical-vocational institution run by the private sector offering programs registered with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA);
- 3.7 **Technical – Vocational Education and Training (TVET)** refers to the education process designed at post-secondary and lower tertiary levels, officially recognized as nondegree programs aimed at preparing technicians, paraprofessionals, and other categories of middle-level workers by providing them with a broad range of general education, theoretical, scientific and technological studies, and related job skills training;
- 3.8 **Technical-Vocational Institutions (TVIs)** refer to learning institutions offering post-secondary TVET;
- 3.9 **Tertiary education** refers to the stage of education following the secondary cycle which covers post-secondary nondegree diploma, TVET, and higher education programs, including graduate education;
- 3.10 **Tuition** refers to fees or school charges for the subjects or course enrolled in by a tertiary education student; and



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3.11 **Undergraduate courses** refer to any program leading to a degree as may be authorized and recognized by the CHED.

Section 4. Pasig City PAG-ASA Program. The City Government of Pasig hereby establishes the "Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program" to help defray the cost of tertiary education or any portion thereof to qualified Pasigueño learners who shall enroll in priority undergraduate programs of private HEIs and priority TVET programs of private TVIs in the City of Pasig.

The Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program shall be administered by the Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program Board ("Board") and the amount necessary to fund the Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program shall be included in the annual budget of the City of Pasig; *Provided*, that prioritization shall be given to students in the following order: (a) learners who are part of households included in the latest *Listahanan*, ranked according to the estimated per capita household income; and (b) students not part of the latest *Listahanan* ranked according to estimate household income based on submitted documentation of proof of income to be determined by the Board.

The Pasig City Scholarship Program shall cover the following:

- (a) Tuition and other school fees in priority programs in private HEIs and private TVIs in the City of Pasig; and
- (b) a fixed allowance for books, supplies, and miscellaneous personal expenses for the entire duration of the priority program admitted to and enrolled in by the Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program scholar.

The Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program awarded to each beneficiary shall not exceed Thirty Five Thousand Pesos (Php35,000) per semester, subject to increase by the Board to account for extraneous circumstances or conditions such as inflation, etc.

Section 5. Eligibility. In order to be considered for the Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program, an applicant must satisfy all of the following criteria:

- (a) Must be a Filipino citizen;
- (b) Must be a bona fide resident of the City of Pasig for at least two (2) years prior to the deadline of submission of requirements;
- (c) Inclusion of household in the *Listahanan* or monthly household income must be not more than Thirty Thousand Pesos (Php30,000);





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- (d) Must have been successfully admitted as an incoming first year student to a priority program in a CHED-accredited private HEI or TESDA-accredited private TVI located in the City of Pasig, provided that the private HEI or private TVI has also an existing Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Pasig pursuant to Section
- (e) With good moral character and without any derogatory record; and
- (f) Not presently enjoying any scholarship or study grant.

Only one (1) member in the immediate/ nuclear family shall be granted a Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program during any given semester or school year. Subject to the rules of the other existing scholarship programs in the City Government of Pasig, one (1) family member may be granted a Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program simultaneously with another family member who is a beneficiary of another scholarship program in the City Government of Pasig.

Should the fund allocation be insufficient to accommodate all applicants in a given period, utmost priority and consideration shall be given to applicants from families belonging to the national government's *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program* or 4Ps.

Section 6. Ineligible Students. The following students are ineligible to avail the Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program:

- 6.1 Private HEIs:
 - a. Students who have already attained a bachelor's degree or comparable undergraduate degree from any HEI, whether public or private;
 - b. Students who fail to comply with the admission and retention policies of the Private HEIs; and
 - c. Students who fail to complete their bachelor's degree or comparable undergraduate degree within a year after the period prescribed in their program.
- 6.2 Private TVIs:
 - a. Students who have obtained a bachelor's degree as well as those who have received a certificate or diploma for a technical-vocational course equivalent to at least National Certificate III and above; and
 - b. Students who fail in any course enrolled in during the course of the program.

Section 7. Application and Selection. The following processes shall be followed to determine the qualified applicants to the Pasig City Scholarship PAG-ASA Program:





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7.1 The applicant must fill up the prescribed application form and submit the following supporting documents not later than the deadline to be set by the Scholarship Board:

- a. Certified True Copy of Birth Certificate;
- b. Barangay Certificate of Residency or Voter's Certification;
- c. Latest BIR Income Tax Return (ITR) of applicant's parents/guardians or an Affidavit of applicant's parents/guardians stating the reason for not filing the Income Tax Return (ITR), if the latest ITR of parents/guardians is not applicable;
- d. High School Report Card (Form 138); and
- e. Proof of admission in a private HEI or TVI in the priority degree program as identified by the Scholarship Board;

7.2 If the documents are deemed to be in order and complete, the application shall be further assessed by the Board via ranking, in the event that the fund allocation shall be insufficient to accommodate all qualified applicants.

Section 8. Payment. Once deemed qualified, the City Government of Pasig shall issue the necessary certificate/ voucher to be presented by the Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program scholar to the participating private HEI or private TVI school during payment.

The Private HEI or Private TVI, to which the scholarship vouchers were presented, will compile all collected vouchers and timely submit to the City Government of Pasig for proper billing and payment.

Section 9. Return Service. Scholars shall render community service to the City of Pasig during the duration of the scholarship. Should a scholar fail to render such mandatory community service, the scholarship may be discontinued. There should be a Return Service Agreement between the LGU and the Scholar stipulating a two-year return service at the end of the scholarship or upon graduation.

Section 10. Memorandum of Agreement with Private HEIs and Private TVIs. In order to be considered as an accredited private HEI and/or private TVI for purposes of this scholarship program and to determine the standards and obligations to be observed in relation to the same program, a private HEI or private TVI must first enter into a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the City Government of Pasig.

The City Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into the necessary memorandum of agreement with a private HEI or private TVI to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance.





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Section 11. Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program Board and Secretariat. The Board shall serve as the main policy making body for the Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program. It shall be composed of the following members:

Chairperson : City Mayor

- Members:*
- City Vice Mayor
 - Chairperson, Committee on Education of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
 - Head of Education Unit of Pasig LGU
 - City Treasurer
 - President, Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig

The Education Unit, through the Pasig City Scholarship Office, shall serve as the secretariat of the Board and the main implementing unit for the Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program.

Section 12. Powers and Functions of the Board. In relation to the effective implementation of the Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program, the following are the powers and functions of the Board:

- 12.1 Formulate policies, strategies, and rules to ensure efficient implementation;
- 12.2 Determine the priority course programs to be supported;
- 12.3 Approve the roster of qualified applicants; and
- 12.4 Resolve appeals and other matters related to qualification, selection, and termination of Pasig City PAG-ASA Scholarship Program scholarships.

Section 13. Meetings of the Board; Quorum. The Board shall meet at least once every quarter. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 14. Appropriation. An annual allocation of a total of One Hundred Twenty Million Pesos (Php 120,000,000.00) for one (1) academic year per batch.

Section 15. Separability Clause. Should any portion or provisions of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.



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Section 16. Repealing Clause. Any provision of an ordinance, rules or regulations and/or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

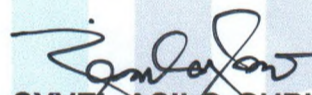
Section 17. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED, this 26th day of **July 2023** at Pasig City.


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City Councilor


HON. CORAZON M. RAYMUNDO
City Councilor

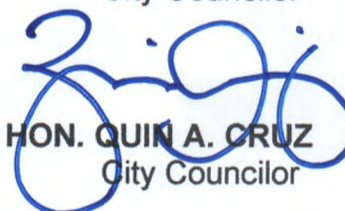

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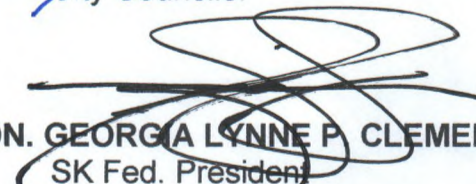

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