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Department of Education

OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

MEMORANDUM

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TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

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SUBJECT : **APPLICATION TO THE BAGONG PILIPINAS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (BPMSP) FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027**

DATE : June 9, 2026

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This pertains to Memorandum Circular No. 54, s. 2026 from Shirley C. Agrupis, Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), dated May 4, 2026, regarding the application to the Bagong Pilipinas Merit Scholarship Program (BPMSP) for Academic Year (AY) 2026-2027.

The BPMSP is a merit-based scholarship program intended for incoming first-year college students. Interested applicants may submit their application, together with scanned copies of the documentary requirements, through the official BPMSP application portal: <https://bpms.ched.gov.ph> on or before **June 30, 2026, or until all available slots are filled.**

Scholarship Guidelines:

Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Belong to the Top Five (5) of the graduating class or within a minimum General Weighted Average (GWA) of 95% (or its equivalent) in Senior High School; 2. Have not earned any units or degree in tertiary education; 3. Have parents or legal guardians with a combined annual gross income not exceeding Two Million Pesos (PhP 2,000,000.00); and
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	<p>4. Enrolled in CHED-identified priority programs (Full list of priority programs and identified Delivering Higher Education Institutions (DHEIs) can be accessed here: https://bpms.ched.gov.ph/priority-lists)</p>
Documentary Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Accomplished application form through the official BPMS online application portal;2. Copy of Birth Certificate issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA);3. Certified True Copy (CTC) of the Learner's Progress Report Card or School Form 9 (SF9) [Form 138], duly signed by the registrar or an authorized representative of the senior high school attended;4. Certified True Copy (CTC) of a certificate issued by the Senior High School attended certifying that the applicant belongs to the Top Five (5) of the graduating class, duly signed by the school head, registrar, or an authorized representative, if applicable;5. Any one (1) of the following documents as proof of income:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certificate of Tax Exemption/Non-Filer issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR); or• Certificate from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) or City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (C/MSWD) for Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries; or• Latest Annual Income Tax Return (BIR Form No. 1701) or Certificate of Compensation Payment/Tax Withheld (BIR Form No. 2316) of both parents or legal guardians or of the applicant; or• Certified True Copy (CTC) of the latest contract or proof of income for children of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) and Seafarers;6. Copy of university/college admission slip or proof of admission to the degree program;7. Duly filled and signed Parent/Legal Guardian Consent Form attached as Annex L, if applicable;8. For applicants who graduated under the basic education curriculum of DepEd on or before School Year 2015-2016: Certified True Copy (CTC) of the Fourth Year Report Card (Form 138) issued by the last high school attended, in lieu of the document required under item 3; and9. Additional documentary proof may be required if the applicant belongs to a Special Equity Group (i.e. PWD, Solo Parent, IP, etc.)



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Qualified scholars under the Higher Education Track shall be entitled to the following financial benefits per Academic Year (AY):

Particulars	Amount (in Php) per AY	
	SUCs/LUCs	Private HEIs
Tuition and other school fees	Covered under Free Higher Education Act (RA 10931)	Maximum Php 45,000/AY
Stipend/Allowance	Php 45,000.00/AY	Php 45,000.00/AY
Total	Php 45,000.00/AY	Php 90,000.00/AY

In addition, top scholars per region shall also receive the following incentive:

Academic Excellence Incentive	PhP 18,000.00 per term (Top 15 scholars per region)
<i>*Subject to adjustment, modification, or rationalization contingent upon the availability of funds under the relevant General Appropriations Act (GAA) and the approval of the CHED Commission En Banc (CEB)</i>	

In view of the foregoing, the Department of Education enjoins all Regional Offices, Schools Division Offices, and public and private schools to actively disseminate this information within their respective jurisdictions.

For further details on the BPMSP, kindly see attached files.

For your reference and immediate dissemination.