



CLSUIAA Scholarship Program

The Central Luzon State University International Alumni Association, Inc. (CLSUIAA) Scholarship Program was initially established in 2011. The scholarship is offered to CLSU undergraduate students who are academically qualified and financially needy. There are three types of scholarship grants offered by the association, namely: a) CLSUIAA General Scholarship, b) Member-sponsored CLSUIAA Scholarship, and c) Member-sponsored CLSUIAA Special Talent Grant. The association started offering General Scholarship grants in 2012, while the Member-sponsored Scholarship and the Special Talent grants in 2015.

The source of funds to support the General Scholarship Program is from the association's Scholarship Sub-Account specifically allocated to support the program while the Member-Sponsored Scholarship Program and Special Talent Grants are provided specifically by donors who are either regular or honorary members of CLSUIAA.

Undergraduate students with courses leading to a bachelor's degree from any college are eligible to apply after completing at least four (4) full semesters at CLSU. This means that the grantee is considered a regular junior student when he/she receives the scholarship grant. An incoming sophomore maybe accepted also depending on the requirements of the donor/sponsor under the Member-sponsored Scholarship Program.

The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.20, 2.0, or 1.75 depending upon the requirements of the sponsor. The rolling GPA requirement must also be maintained throughout the academic year to be eligible for continued support. A grade of 5.0 incurred in any semester/summer while enjoying the scholarship will automatically revoke the scholarship. The applicant must be carrying no less than 18 units of academic load unless the applicant is in his/her final year.

A grade of incomplete will be interpreted as failing grade and this would mean suspension of the scholarship privilege until said incomplete grade has been passed. Should incomplete grade lapse after a period of 1 year, this would automatically mean a grade of 5.0 or failing grade and will eventually revoke the scholarship.

The student applicant must not be currently receiving any form of scholarship grant or financial support from local and national level (except the free tuition offered by the national government). However, this requirement can be waived if a written explanation justifying additional need for the scholarship is submitted with the application and such justification is accepted/approved by the donor. The applicant must not have been involved in school troubles or conflicts, which subjected him/her to the student code of discipline.

The amount of the scholarship is \$350 or \$500 per year during the initial award depending on the sponsor. This award continues until graduation if all requirements are met including the minimum required GPA.

The selected scholars are also required to attend special meetings of CLSUIAA scholars held at CLSU during the Grand Alumni Homecoming for the purpose of meeting and brief dialogue with their sponsors, reporting the status of their studies, etc. The scholars are also encouraged to maintain regular communication with their sponsors to update the status of their studies including reporting the grades shortly after completing a semester, etc.

Since the Scholarship Program was started in 2011, a total of 34 students have been supported, 17 under the General Scholarship Program and another 17 under the Member-sponsored Scholarship Program with various majors including agriculture, engineering, accounting, education, etc. A total grant of \$20,320 (P1,016,000 @ 50 pesos/\$) have been awarded to students since 2012.

Initially, the program has been implemented in partnership with CLSU Alumni Association, Inc. (CLSUAAI), the national alumni counterpart based at CLSU. Currently, CLSUIAA is looking at other options in administering its Scholarship Program, possibly in partnership with the CLSU Office of Admissions, Alumni Relations Office, various Colleges or other entities under a Memorandum of Agreement.

Any inquiry about the program, please contact the CLSUIAA Scholarship, Education and Research (SER) Committee Chair: Gerry D. Galinato, PE, Boise, Idaho USA. Email: galinatoid@aol.com.



Recognizing the CLSUIAA Scholars (SY 2015-16) on a Sunday Brunch and Fellowship at BFAR during the February 2016 Grand CLSU Alumni Homecoming. (L to R): Hazel Ligon, Lorelyn Casita, Frances de los Reyes, Jayzel Canlas, Shane Anne Camposano, Kaye Anne Claus, Erron John Castro, Patrick Abenales, and Virgilio Hilario. (Missing in the picture is Rose Anne Armadillio.)

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