

International Alumni Student Adoption Program (i-ASAP)

The Novel - Corona Virus Disease of 2019 (COVID-19) was detected from Wuhan, China as early as December 2019. By January 2020, the government noted the first transmitted case herein the Philippines. Due to the increasing number of infected individuals and deaths and low health capacity, the government decided last March 2020 to quarantine parts of the country to fight this deadly disease and safeguard the lives of Filipinos. Social distancing, limiting the people's mobility, preventing mass gatherings, and promotion of online transactions were implemented by the government and private sector to mitigate the risk associated with this crisis. Besides, boosting the immune system, improving the health capacity, and search for the vaccine were some of the means in fighting this contagion.

In the academe, no face-to-face classes and asynchronous modes of learning were sought to continue the learning of our students. However, not all students can adopt this new normal due to resource constraints such as limited internet data and lack of financial support. These deeply affect the academic performance of the students which may result in dropping out of the course or lower grades.

Hence, this program was proposed by the CLSU Alumni Relations Office (ARO) to the CLSU International Alumni Association, Inc. (CLSUIAA) to seek short-term support, yet significant, for our enrolled students to augment their internet and/or other academic expenses through adopting a student for the AY 2020-2021 2nd Semester.

Requirements (Applicants)

1. CLSU Form 6
2. Upload a two to three-minute video to introduce yourself, the background of your family, hobbies and interests, course taken, intended expenditures on the stipend to be given by the alumni and why do you deserve to be the beneficiary of the stipend?
3. Recommendation from one Student Organization (SO) that the student is an indigent individual and known to them, duly signed by SO President and SO Adviser.
4. Fill out the basic information through the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/6tqrTGmxstVWC4hy6>.

Procedures

1. The CLSU Alumni Relations Office, in cooperation with the CLSU University Supreme Student Council, will screen the applicants and shortlist twenty (20) students.
2. The shortlisted students, together with their records, will be forwarded to the BOD-CLSU International Alumni Association, Inc. for their approval.
3. Upon approval of the application, the CLSU International Alumni Association will send to the CLSU Alumni Relations office the official list of the beneficiaries and transfer the fund to Central Luzon State University or authorized personnel/individual account. (*The CLSUIAAI requested that the remittance must be sent to a personal account to lessen the transaction cost, as compared to remittance to an institutional account.*)
4. The CLSU Alumni Relations Office will facilitate the communication between the CLSUIAAI donors and selected beneficiaries through social media or e-mail.

5. There will be a monthly or bi-monthly (once every two months) remittance by ARO Representative to the registered Globe or Smart Mobile Numbers of the beneficiaries.
6. Proof of financial transactions will be recorded.
7. ARO makes brief oral status report during regularly scheduled virtual CLUIAA Executive Committee meetings.
8. A terminal written report will be submitted by ARO on June 30, 2021, to CLSU International Alumni Association, Inc. and the Office of the University President. The report shall also include challenges and successes encountered, as well as recommendations, if any, in the implementation of this project.
9. If additional funds are made available by CLSUIAA through donations by its members specifically for this project, more students can be funded. The additional recipients will be selected from the previously screened students who were not included in the first 20 short-listed list.

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Note: This project was approved by the CLSUIAA Executive Committee during its regular quarterly meeting (virtual) on January 16, 2021 and appropriated \$1000 from its General Fund to support this project and award grants to 20 students. Additional students will be supported with voluntary contributions from its members.