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SUBJECT: REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE SUGARCANE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT (SIDA) UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UNDER COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AS IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.b of the Republic Act No. 10659, or the “Sugarcane Industry Development Act (SIDA) of 2015” and SRA Board Resolution No.2022-023, Series of 2022, the following are the **revised** implementing guidelines, rules and regulations that shall govern the Undergraduate and Postgraduate Scholarship Program (Program) chargeable against the SIDA fund as provided for in the applicable General Appropriations Act (GAA):

1.0 OBJECTIVES

- 1.1. To enable the underprivileged children and dependents of sugarcane industry workers and small sugarcane farmers to avail of undergraduate and graduate scholarship grants and deserving sugarcane industry workers who are taking up graduate courses in relevant fields of discipline in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs);
- 1.2. To encourage interest in fields of discipline which are necessary for the development, sustainability and competitiveness of the Philippine sugarcane industry such as but not limited to agriculture; agricultural engineering and mechanics; chemical engineering and sugar technology; agricultural extension; chemistry; agricultural business and economics, accounting and statistics; biology, microbiology and biotechnology;
- 1.3. To provide the sugarcane industry with highly qualified technical and extension personnel through undergraduate and postgraduate scholarship program;
- 1.4. To generate responsive, adaptable and innovative technologies, and scientific knowledge/information; and
- 1.5. To sustain a strong agricultural and industrial research and development program that will support the stability and competitiveness of the Philippine sugarcane industry.

2.0 DEFINITION OF TERMS

- 2.1. **Sugarcane Industry Worker** - are small sugarcane farmers, and/or workers employed in sugarcane farms, sugar mills, sugar refineries, bagasse-based power plants and bioethanol fuel distilleries using sugarcane, sugar from sugarcane, sugarcane juice or syrup, bagasse and sugarcane molasses as feedstock and other workers in the Philippine sugarcane industries;



- 2.2. **Dependent-** includes a) the legitimate, legitimated, illegitimate and/or legally adopted children of sugarcane industry workers and small sugarcane farmers; b) relative of the sugarcane industry workers and small sugarcane farmers up to third (3rd) degree of consanguinity or affinity who are living with them at least five (5) years prior to application;
- 2.3. **Small Sugarcane Farmer** - refers to a sugarcane farmer with an area of 5 hectares and less.
- 2.4. **Return of Service** - service rendered to granting Institution and to Sugarcane Industry equivalent to one (1) year per year of scholarship.

3.0 SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM

Courses and Fields of Discipline

The Program covers the following priority/major and other relevant programs and fields of discipline:

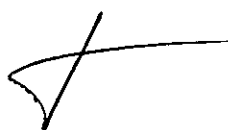
| PRIORITY/RELEVANT PROGRAMS | MAJOR FIELDS OF DISCIPLINE |
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| BS/MS/PhD in Agriculture | Plant Breeding/Genetics Crop/Soil Science Agronomy Plant/Crop Physiology Plant Pathology Agricultural Biotechnology Entomology Agricultural Extension |
| BS/MS/PhD in Chemistry | Chemistry Soil Chemistry Agricultural Chemistry |
| BS/MS/PhD in Engineering | Chemical Engineering/Sugar Technology Mechanical Engineering Electrical Engineering Civil Engineering Agricultural Engineering Industrial Engineering |
| OTHER RELEVANT COURSES: | BS Statistics BS Agricultural Economics BS Agricultural Business BS Accounting Management BS Financial Management BS Accountancy BS Biology/Microbiology & Biotechnology |

Full Scholarship shall be granted to all qualified beneficiaries as provided for in the next paragraph.

4.0 BENEFICIARIES

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5.0 QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS



5.1 Undergraduate Program (Bachelor)

- 5.1.1 A Filipino Citizen;
- 5.1.2 High School Graduate, or has earned college/university academic units related to the abovementioned required degrees or courses of the program;
- 5.1.3 Passed the entrance academic examinations and other requirements of the recognized SUCs;
- 5.1.4 Not a beneficiary of any other scholarship grant;
- 5.1.5 Bonafide children and dependents of the Sugarcane Industry Workers and Small Sugarcane Farmers as certified by SRA; and
- 5.1.6 With a combined annual gross income of the parents or guardian of not more than Php 400,000.00.

5.2 Graduate Program (Master and Doctorate)

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6.0 ANNUAL ALLOCATION OF SCHOLARSHIP SLOTS

Allocation for the number of scholars and budgetary appropriation shall primarily be proportional to the total land area planted with sugarcane based on the preceding crop year of the mill district, the number of available qualified applicants, and other meritorious factors. The Human Resource Development Program Committee (HRDPC) – Technical Working Group (TWG) shall disseminate the allocations for each Mill District Office through the issuance of SRA Memorandum before the start of the school/academic year.

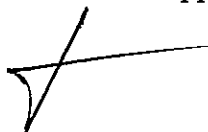
7.0 FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM

7.1 SRA-SIDA Human Resource Development Program (HRDP) Committee

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- b) Approve qualified applicants based on the recommendation of the TWG

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- c) Disseminate information and/or post in the SRA website;
- d) Coordinate with the participating SUCs, MDDCs, Sugar Federations/Associations/MDOs and other stakeholders;
- e) Receive scholarship applications and evaluate applicants' submitted documents;
- f) Provide CHED with the list of Board-approved scholars;



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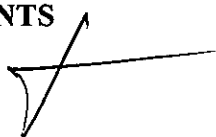
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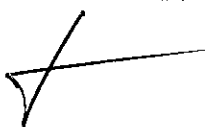
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- g) Provide the necessary technical assistant to the CHED Office of the Student Development Service (OSDS) and CHED Regional Offices (ROs)

8.0 EFFECTIVITY

These guidelines shall take effect immediately and remain in full force unless revoked or amended in writing. These guidelines shall apply to ongoing scholars starting Academic Year 2021-2022.

By Authority of the Board:

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Administrator

