



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TO : **CHED REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE**

SUBJECT : **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OF CHED UNDER CMO NO. 8, S. 2019**

DATE : **14 MAY 2020**

In accordance with Republic Act No. 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act which was enacted to address the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic by declaring a State of Public Health Emergency and Authorizing the President to exercise the necessary and proper powers to carry out urgent measures to respond to the crisis brought by said pandemic, the unreleased appropriation, including the amount of Php.3,270,000.00 for the provision of assistance and incentives, scholarships and grants through the Student Financial Assistance Program (StuFAP), will no longer be released to the Commission by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

With the available funding, the Commission can only cover existing scholars to ensure their continuous education during this difficult time. Hence, the Commission will temporarily suspend the application of the CHED Merit Scholarship Program (CMSP) which originally had 2,467 new slots for incoming freshmen college students for the Academic Year 2020-2021. The temporary suspension is intended to financially support national programs for financially vulnerable families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

CHED's cooperation is vital to ensure the success of the whole-of-government mobilization of assets to sustain the required magnitude and scope of the government's operations to overcome the crisis due to the pandemic.

Please advise applicants of this development through email or by referring to the Press Statement of CHED Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III, DPA, which will be posted in our social media platforms.

For your appropriate action.


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