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**PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE**

Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Province of Leyte

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2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT  
August 20, 2025

Date: SEP 03 2025  
By: [Signature]

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 11 s. 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Abuyog, Leyte.

**Issues/concerns for review/recommendation/legal opinion is/are as follows:**

- Ordinance No. 11 s. 2025 entitled: **“The 2025 Academic and Athletic Excellence Recognition Ordinance of the Municipality of Abuyog, Province of Leyte.”**

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(a)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). However, it is recommended that Section 7 of the subject Ordinance should specify from where and how the funds are to be sourced as not to run afoul Section 335<sup>2</sup> of the same Code. Hence, further review of the Ordinance is recommended.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on the facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

**ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL**  
*Provincial Legal Officer* 

<sup>1</sup> (a) *The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality as provided for under Section 22 of this Code, and shall:*

*(1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective municipal government*

<sup>2</sup> **Section 335. Prohibitions Against Expenditures for Religious or Private Purposes.** - No public money or property shall be appropriated or applied for religious or private purposes.

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

**1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
18 August 2025



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 11, series of 2025 of the Municipality of Abuyog, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance approving the grant of cash incentives and recognitions to individuals, pair or groups excelling in sports, skills and academic competitions and top academic achievers, appropriating funds thereof and for other purposes.**

  
**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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MUNICIPALITY OF ABUYOG  
Province of Leyte



Office of the Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

August 6, 2025

**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian  
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07 AUG 2025  
PROVINCE OF LEYTE

Ma'am:

Respectfully transmitting herewith as attached Ordinance No. 11, series 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Abuyog, Leyte RE: "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE GRANT OF CASH INCENTIVES AND RECOGNITIONS TO INDIVIDUALS, PAIR OR GROUPS EXCELLING IN SPORTS, SKILLS AND ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS AND TOP ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" for the review of the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Leyte.

Thank you and more power.

Very respectfully yours,

  
**ARSENIO Y. VILLOTE**  
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

a/s

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*Office of the Sangguniang Bayan*

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ABUYOG, LEYTE HELD AT ITS SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING MUNICIPAL COMPOUND, ABUYOG, LEYTE ON MAY 27, 2025.

**PRESENT:**

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Hon. James L. Bohol           | Municipal Vice-Mayor, Prsdg. Officer |
| Hon. Jeannette A. Valida      | SB Member, Prsdg. Pro-tempore        |
| Hon. Antonio C. Almendra, Jr. | SB Member                            |
| Hon. Arnold R. Allera         | SB Member                            |
| Hon. Patrocinio A. Risos, Jr. | SB Member                            |
| Hon. Editha C. Deloy          | SB Member                            |
| Hon. Edmundo P. Saño          | SB Member                            |
| Hon. Francisco B. Landia      | SB Member, Floor Leader              |
| Hon. Erwin V. Belleza         | SB Member                            |
| Hon. Dario P. Llave           | SB Member, ABC President             |
| Hon. Melliza Jane C. Traya    | SB Member, SK Ped. Pres.             |

**ABSENT:**

None

**ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES 2025**

Sponsor: Hon. Melliza Jane C. Traya  
 Chairperson, Committee on Youth and Sports Development

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE GRANT OF CASH INCENTIVES AND RECOGNITIONS TO INDIVIDUALS, PAIR OR GROUPS EXCELLING IN SPORTS, SKILLS AND ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS AND TOP ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE 19<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ABUYOG, LEYTE, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED duly called for, that:**

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.** This enactment shall be known and referred to as "*The 2025 Academic and Athletic Excellence Recognition Ordinance of the Municipality of Abuyog, Province of Leyte*".

**SECTION 2. SCOPE AND COVERAGE.** The benefits under this ordinance shall apply to all deserving individuals, paired or groups who excelled in the following:

- a.) Sports Competitions – Various sports competitions at the local, provincial, regional, national, international, or worldwide levels, duly organized, accredited, or sanctioned by government agencies for competitions within the country. International and worldwide participation must be permitted and/or authorized by the concerned national government agency.
- b.) Academic Competitions – Academic-related competitions at the local, provincial, regional, national, international, or worldwide levels, duly organized by national government agencies for competitions within the

country. International and worldwide participation must be permitted and/or authorized by the concerned national government agency.

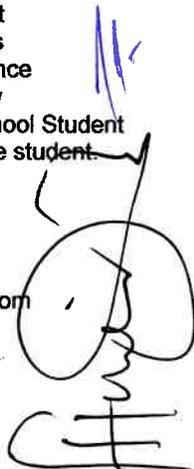
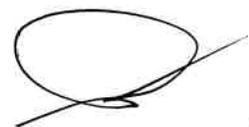
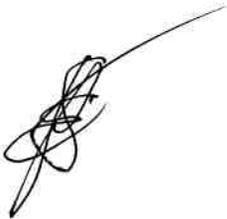
- c.) International Competition – A competition involving other nations, sanctioned by and international body (e.g. the International Olympic Committee). It may be held in other countries or hosted in the Philippines. Examples include the Summer Olympics, Winter Olympics, Asian Games, World Championships, Asian Championships, Southeast Asian (SEA) Games, ASEAN Championships, and Special Olympics.
- d.) National Competition – A competition involving individuals or teams from different regions of the country (e.g. Palarong Pambansa, Philippine National Youth Games, National Open, National Games, Special Olympics).
- e.) Regional Competition – A competition involving individuals or teams from Region VIII (e.g. Eastern Visayas Regional Athletics Association).
- f.) Provincial Competition – A competition involving individuals or teams from Leyte (e.g. Leyte Provincial Meet).
- g.) Area Competition – A competition involving individuals or teams from Leyte (e.g. Leyte Provincial Meet).
- h.) Athlete/Contestant – The individual participating in and winning an award in a competition.
- i.) Individual Sport/Competition – A competition with only one participant, as defined by the competition rules.
- j.) Team Sport/Competition – A competition with five or more participants, as defined by the competition rules.

**SECTION 3. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION.** As used in this ordinance, the following terms or phrases shall be interpreted as follows:

- a. **Government Agencies** - Local government agencies or units (e.g. Municipal Government, Provincial Government) and national government agencies (e.g. Department of Education, Philippine Olympic Committee, Philippine Sports Commission, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Commission on Higher Education).
- b. **Coach** - A person registered or authorized to train an athlete/contestant or a team before and during a competition.
- c. **Abuyog Academic and Sports Excellence Award Committee** – is created to effectively carry out the provision of this ordinance

1. The committee is composed of the following:

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| Chairman      | -Municipal Mayor  |
| Vice Chairman | -Municipal Vice Mayor   |
| Members       | -Chairperson of the SB Committee on Youth and Sports Development                                      |
|               | -Chairperson of the SB Committee on Education, Culture and the Arts                                   |
|               | -Chairperson of the SB Committee on Budget, Appropriation and Finance                                 |
|               | -Chairperson of the SB Committee on Trade, Commerce and Industry                                      |
|               | -Representative from the DepEd, in case of Elementary and High School Student                         |
|               | -Representative from the College of the Municipality in case of college student.                      |
|               | -Local Youth and Development Officer (LYDO)   |
|               | -Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator (MPDC)  |
|               | -Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (MLGOO)   |
|               | -Municipal Administrator – Head Secretariat   |
| Secretariat   | - The member of the secretariat shall be appointed by the chairman from among the member of committee |



**2. Powers and Functions of the Committee.**

Pursuant to this, the committee shall be vested with the following powers:

1. To recommend supplemental policies and guidelines in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance to the local chief executive.
2. Submit recomendees and applicants to the committee for evaluation and approval and pass and approved a resolution approving the amount of cash incentives and other recognitions.
3. Maintain a historical record of all the recipients of these awards as a permanent record of the Municipality of Abuyog
4. Evaluate the effectiveness of implementation of the program
5. Shall convene at least twice a year or a special meeting maybe called upon the directive of the local chief executive.

**SECTION 4. QUALIFICATIONS OF GRANTEES.** To qualify as a grantee, he/she must:

1. A bonafide resident of the Municipality of Abuyog as certified by the respective Punong barangay, or a non-resident of the municipality representing a school or any other institution located within the municipality;
2. With good moral standing as certified by the respective Punong barangay;
3. Has informed the AASEAC of the award within a period of one (1) year from the date of competition, otherwise, their incentives shall be deemed forfeited;
4. Submit original and/or certified true copy of certification and appropriate documentations that he/she has participated and won first (1<sup>st</sup>), second (2<sup>nd</sup>), or third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place or gold, silver, or bronze medals accordingly in a duly accredited sports or academic competition at a particular level (international, national, regional, provincial, or area); and/or submitted original certified true copies of certifications and appropriate documentations proving they achieved the highest honors in Grade 6, Junior High School, and Senior High School for the academic year, as determined by the DepEd/school.
5. Duly certified by the Awards Committee that the grantee has satisfactorily submitted and have passed the basic requirements set forth in this Ordinance through an appropriate resolution of the committee.

**SECTION 5. AMOUNT OF CASH INCENTIVES.**

1. Competitions

A. International Competitions

(Olympic Games – every 4 years)

<b>Individual Category</b>	
First Prize (Gold Medal)	P 100,000.00
Second Prize (Silver Medal)	P 75,000.00
Third Prize (Bronze Medal)	P 50,000.00
<b>Team Category</b>	
The team shall receive twice the amount of the corresponding award in the Individual Category. The team shall divide the amount among the team members.	

(Asian Games – Every 4 years)

<b>Individual Category</b>	
First Prize (Gold Medal)	P 75,000.00
Second Prize (Silver Medal)	P 50,000.00
Third Prize (Bronze Medal)	P 35,000.00
<b>Team Category</b>	
The team shall receive twice the amount of the corresponding award in the Individual Category. The team shall divide the amount among the team members.	

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(SEA Games – Every 2 years)

<b>Individual Category</b>	
First Prize (Gold Medal)	P 50,000.00
Second Prize (Silver Medal)	P 25,000.00
Third Prize (Bronze Medal)	P 15,000.00
<b>Team Category</b>	
The team shall receive twice the amount of the corresponding award in the Individual Category. The team shall divide the amount among the team members.	

(Other International Competitions)

<b>Individual Category</b>	
First Prize (Gold Medal)	P 50,000.00
Second Prize (Silver Medal)	P 25,000.00
Third Prize (Bronze Medal)	P 15,000.00
<b>Team Category</b>	
The team shall receive twice the amount of the corresponding award in the Individual Category. The team shall divide the amount among the team members.	

B. National Competitions

<b>Individual Category</b>	
First Prize (Gold Medal)	P 30,000.00
Second Prize (Silver Medal)	P 15,000.00
Third Prize (Bronze Medal)	P 10,000.00
<b>Team Category</b>	
The team shall receive twice the amount of the corresponding award in the Individual Category. The team shall divide the amount among the team members.	

C. Regional Competitions

<b>Individual Category</b>	
First Prize (Gold Medal)	P 15,000.00
Second Prize (Silver Medal)	P 10,000.00
Third Prize (Bronze Medal)	P 5,000.00
<b>Team Category</b>	
The team shall receive twice the amount of the corresponding award in the Individual Category. The team shall divide the amount among the team members.	

D. Provincial competitions

<b>Individual Category</b>	
First Prize (Gold Medal)	P 10,000.00
Second Prize (Silver Medal)	P 6,000.00
Third Prize (Bronze Medal)	P 3,000.00
<b>Team Category</b>	
The team shall receive twice the amount of the corresponding award in the Individual Category. The team shall divide the amount among the team members.	

2. Academic Excellence

<b>Elementary</b>	
Highest Honor/s / Valedictorian	P 3,000.00
<b>Junior High School</b>	
Highest Honor/s	P 3,000.00
<b>Senior High School</b>	
Highest Honor/s / Valedictorian	P 3,000.00

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The head coach or trainer shall receive cash incentives only once as provided in this Ordinance. The amount shall be equivalent to one half (1/2) of the individual category of the highest award garnered by the awardee or team he/she handled both in individual or team category.

The grantees shall also be awarded the following:

1. A certificate of recognition
2. Other appropriate gifts or token may also be given

**SECTION 6. SCHEDULE OF RELEASE.** Pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance the distribution of awards and other related incentives shall be made every 13th day of June of every year or at the date to be determined and announced by the local chief executive if the day herein mentioned falls on a holiday or a non-working day.

**SECTION 7. APPROPRIATIONS.** The committee created for the purpose shall prepare a budget necessary to carry out the implementation of this ordinance duly supported by an approved committee resolution recommending the same for inclusion in the annual executive budget of every year.

**SECTION 8. ISSUANCE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The Office of the Municipal Mayor through an executive order shall issue the appropriate implementing rules and regulations (IRR) to carry out the effective and efficient implementation of this ordinance.

**SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 10. REPEALING.** All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof in conflict with or inconsistent to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately fifteen (15) days after its posting at three conspicuous places of the municipality of Abuyog, Province of Leyte.

**ENACTED:** This 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

**ARSENIO T. VILLOTE**  
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

ATTESTED:

**HON. JAMES L. BOHOL**  
Municipal Vice Mayor, Prsdg. Officer

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SB Member



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**HON. MELLIZA JANE C. TRAYA**  
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APPROVED:



**HON. LEMUEL GIN K. TRAYA**  
Municipal Mayor

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