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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2026-05 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Albuera, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2026-05, entitled: "Establishing a Comprehensive Scholarship and Educational Assistance Program, and Providing Funds Thereof in the Municipality of Albuera."

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(5)(xi)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160), subject to the availability of funds and to regular accounting and auditing procedures. Hence, we recommend the declaration of its validity.

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

¹(xi) Establish a scholarship fund for poor but deserving students residing within the municipality in schools located within its jurisdiction;

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 2026-05** of the **Municipality of Albuera, Leyte**, entitled: **Establishing a Comprehensive Scholarship and Educational Assistance Program, and providing funds thereof in the Municipality of Albuera.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sangguniang



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SECRETARIAT

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February 12, 2026

Hon. Leonardo Javier, Jr.

Vice-Governor
Province of Leyte
Palo, Leyte

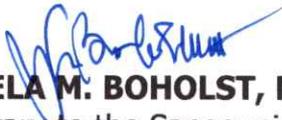
Thru: Florinda Jill S. Uyvico
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Province of Leyte

Dear Vice Governor Javier:

Respectfully transmitting herein **Ordinance No. 2026-05**, "Establishing a Comprehensive Scholarship and Educational Assistance Program, and Providing Funds Thereof in the Municipality of Albuera."

Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Very truly yours,


PAMELA M. BOHOLST, MPA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan I





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CERTIFICATION

TO THE CONCERNED:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **Ordinance No. 2026-05, "Establishing a Comprehensive Scholarship and Educational Assistance Program, and Providing Funds Thereof in the Municipality of Albuera,"** has been posted in the bulletin board of the Sangguniang Bayan of Albuera, Leyte on February 11, 2026 and shall remain posted until a period of two (2) consecutive weeks thereof.

ISSUED this 12th day of January 2026 at Albuera, Leyte, Philippines.

PAMELA M. BOHOLST, MPA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan I



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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 29TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN
HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON FEBRUARY 2, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05

"ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA"

AUTHORED BY: HON. BERNARD JOEY D. MESTULA
INTRODUCED BY: HON. ANDRES C. TUDIO
Sponsored by: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- HON. ROLANDO M. EBCAS
- HON. ROMEO M. JUNCO
- HON. BERNARD JOEY D. MESTULA

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 4 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution of the Philippines provides, "The State shall establish and maintain a system of scholarship grants student loan programs, subsidies, and other incentives which shall be available to deserving students in both public and private school, especially to the underprivileged;"

WHEREAS, the above policy is reiterated in Section 458 (a), (5), (xi) of Republic Act No. 7610, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, which empowers the Sangguniang Bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality to establish a scholarship fund for the poor but deserving students in schools located within its jurisdiction or for students residing within the municipality;

WHEREAS, the recognition of the right to education imposes upon the State the corresponding duty to protect and promote it by way of taking steps to make quality education in all levels generally accessible or available to all on the basis of capacity by every appropriate means;

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICIES. It is hereby the declared policies of the Municipality of Albuera to provide opportunities to its poor sector to improve the socio-economic condition of every Albuerano family, as well as to support the education sector as one the Municipality's key drivers of growth. For this purpose, the Local Government Unit of Albuera shall democratize access to higher education by institutionalizing a scholarship program for poor but deserving Albuerano students, subject to the economic and academic standards, application and qualification policies. Further it shall endeavor to promote and support the education sector by according preference to local tertiary and vocational institutions of learning in the grant of scholarships.

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. There shall be a Scholarship and Educational Assistance Program in the Municipality of Albuera for students who graduated from Senior High School and/or in the Alternative Learning System program of the Department of Education, or those who are already enrolled but failed to re-enrol or finish his/her degree (baccalaureate or vocational/technical course) due to financial difficulty in the family, provided that they meet the admission requirements of the schools, universities and colleges where they intend to enroll or re-enroll.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The following are defined for brevity:

1. **Gross Family Income** - the total income earned by a family, which includes basic salaries or wages and allowances for fixed-income employees, earnings from the practice of a

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profession or professions for professionals, and/or net profits, dividends, and the like for businessmen or traders.

2. Scholars - refer to those who are qualified and accepted beneficiaries and have passed the assessment, written examination and evaluation process of the program.

3. Schools, Universities and Colleges - refer to public and private higher education institution with independent and separate governing boards established by national law and/or accredited by the Commission on Higher Education, which constitute their individual charters, financed and maintained by private organization by the national government.

4. Qualifying examination - refers to the written examinations administered by the Scholarship Committee to the scholarship applicants.

5. Tuition and other school fees (TOSF) - refer to the fees imposed by the Governing Boards to all students in schools, universities and colleges.

SECTION 4. THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

This refers to a tertiary/baccalaureate or vocational/technical program and intended to support the highest education of the poor but deserving students based on the guidelines and criteria set in this Ordinance, subject to academic and economic standards, application and qualification policies and such other reasonable rules and regulations as may adopted by the Scholarship Committee.

SECTION 5. QUALIFICATIONS. No one shall be an Albuerano scholar unless he/she have met the following qualifications:

- (a) A Filipino citizen, he/she must be born or naturalized, and/resident of Albuera, Leyte;
- (b) A senior high school graduate; candidate for graduation; with earned units in college; passed of Alternative Learning System (ALS)/Philippine Educational Placement Test (PEPT);
- (c) Must have passed the interview panel and written qualification examination duly administered by the scholarship committee;
- (d) Must have a combined annual gross income of parents/guardians not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00);
- (e) Must not be a graduate of any degree program;
- (f) No two members of the same family shall be eligible to the program;
- (g) Poorest of the Poor – Indigent Student.

SECTION 6. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS. All applicants must submit a duly filled up scholarship application form. In addition, applicants who passed the written qualifying examination must submit the documentary evidences as may prescribed by the Scholarship Committee including, but not limited to, photocopy of latest grade, other documentary requirements pertaining to financial capacity of the applicant's family, and certificate of good moral character, among others.

SECTION 7. SELECTION PROCESS. The Scholarship Committee shall adopt rules and guidelines pertaining to the application, administration of qualifying examination, posting of results, pertinent documents for evaluation, panel interview of qualified applicants, announcement of successful scholars, and orientation of qualified and accepted scholars.

SECTION 8. QUALIFYING EXAMINATION. A qualifying examination duly administered by the Scholarship Committee through the Secretariat shall be conducted on second Monday of May at the place and time to be determined by the Committee. The qualifying exam shall be composed of Two Parts:

- (1) Intellectual, and
- (2) Personal or Self-Inventory. Intellectual Questions shall test the examinees mental precision, intelligence, and accuracy of thoughts. The following are its sub-categories:

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- Verbal Reasoning
- Mathematical and Logical Reasoning
- Scientific and Natural

Personal or Self-Inventory test questions and essays shall assess the psychosocial behavior, community involvement, personal and family information and activities of the applicant. All applicants must submit their application form three (3) days before the scheduled examination.

Late filing of application shall not be entertained. The passing rate of examination is 80% with no scores from each category that has less than 50%. The Committee shall cause the widest dissemination of the results at least five to seven (5-7) days after the date of examination by posting the results at a prominent place in the town hall as well as in social media platforms.

SECTION 9. PANEL INTERVIEW. The Scholarship Committee shall conduct a panel interview in order to evaluate and assess the willingness, desire, and grit of the applicant to finish his/her education as well as to validate and test the veracity of his/her personal information. The official final list of qualified and accepted scholars shall be announced and posted three to five (3-5) days at a prominent place in the Municipal hall as well as in social media platforms after the final evaluation and assessment of the Scholarship Committee.

SECTION 10. DURATION OF THE GRANT. A scholarship grant under this Program is applicable for the entire duration of a grantees collegiate course, but in no case that it will exceed eight (8) semesters for baccalaureate courses and four (4) semesters for vocational/technical courses, unless sooner disqualified for valid reasons; provided, further, that he/she maintains a general weighted average of at least Eighty Five percent (85.00%) or its equivalent with no failing grade in any academic subject; Provided, finally, that they satisfy the justifiable and equitable requirements imposed by the Scholarship Committee.

SECTION 11. IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. – The primary responsibility for its implementation and administration of this Program shall rest upon the Scholarship Committee composed of the following:

- Municipal Mayor – Chairman
- SK Federation President
- Chairman, SB Committee on Education
- District Supervisor (North and South), or his/her representative
- Local Youth Development Officer/Designate
- Representative from Local Finance Committee

The Committee shall take charge of the screening and evaluating applicants based on a set of criteria as hereinafter specified.

SECTION 12. FUNDING REQUIREMENT. To sustain the noble program, the amount of Five-hundred thousand (500,000) shall be included in the MSWDO and LYDO budget, respectively, in every annual budget thereafter, subject to adjustments considering inflation and changes in other market mechanisms.

SECTION 13. NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANT. The number of grantees under this Program shall be based on the approved appropriation intended for this purpose; provided however that this number may be increased subject to availability of funds.

SECTION 14. OBSERVANCE OF RECIPROCITY PRINCIPLE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF ALBUERA . The successful and accepted scholars shall each render a cumulative period of at least Two Hundred Fifty (250) hours of volunteer free service in any capacity deemed appropriate by the LGU Albuera, in accordance with his/her skill or competence, during the entire term of the scholarship.

SECTION 15. DISQUALIFICATION AND FORFEITURE OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANT. Failure to accomplish any of the duties and responsibilities as may provided for in rules and guidelines set by the Scholarship Committee as well as the terms and conditions of the scholarship program shall constitute a valid ground for disqualification and forfeiture of the scholarship grant. Any of the following shall also be grounds for termination of the scholarship grant:

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- a. Average grade below 85% (or its equivalent) or a failing grade in any subject.
- b. Dropping out without justifiable reasons;
- c. Deferment of the educational grant without approval of the scholarship committee and for more than one semester;
- d. Semester subject load is below the regular number of subjects or units prescribed by the program curriculum except if the grantee is graduating;
- e. Membership in any organization that engages in illegal or subversive activities or participation in any such activities;
- f. Taking prohibited drugs, committing any act of immorality, drunkenness, dishonesty, and any form of misconduct affecting the integrity of the Grantor;
- g. Conviction of any crime especially crimes involving moral turpitude;
- h. Changing of address outside the Municipality of Albuera;
- i. Failure to fulfill obligations as prescribed by the Scholarship Committee as a condition to continue the scholarship;
- j. Material misrepresentation or false disclosure in his/her entry qualification documents and academic records during the period of the scholarship;
- k. Expulsion or dismissal from the School, College or University;
- l. No Standing Scholarship Grant.

SECTION 16. AFFIDAVIT OF UNDERTAKING. The successful and accepted scholar shall execute an affidavit of undertaking to signify his commitment to faithfully fulfill the duties and obligations and other requirements as a scholar of the Local Government Unit of Albuera as a condition for him/her to receive scholarship benefits.

SECTION 17. RECOGNIZED AND ACCEPTED SCHOLARS, THEIR BENEFITS. The Scholarship Committee shall, after undertaking the selection process, prepare an official list of scholars duly concurred in by the Municipal Mayor in such number corresponding to the available slots and make available the copy to any interested person. The Offices of the Sangguniang Bayan, Accounting, Budget, Treasury and Information Office shall be furnished by the Secretariat a copy of the official list of scholars. The applicant in the official list of passers shall, after complying all the requirements, receive the following of the benefits:

- (1) Tuition and other miscellaneous expenses which shall be paid directly to the student; provided that the fees will not exceed P10,000.00 per semester;
- (2) A uniform allowance of P 1,500.00 per school year.

The amount herein stated shall be subject to adjustment considering inflation and changes in other market mechanisms.

SECTION 18. PREMIUM FOR HONORS SCHOLARS. Subject to guidelines adopted by the Scholarship Committee and to availability of funds, scholars who obtain "Latin honors" after the successful completion of the baccalaureate degrees shall be entitled to received the following Honors Scholar Premium:

1. Cum Laude	-	Php	1,500.00
2. Magna Cum Laude	-	Php	2,500.00
3. Summa Cum Laude	-	Php	3,500.00

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SECTION 19. PREFERENCE FOR STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. To promote high-quality educational opportunities for all students, the Local Government Unit of Albuera shall accord the preference to state colleges and universities within the Province of Leyte, for qualified and accepted scholars to enroll or re-enroll in, subject to such exemptions as maybe defined by the Scholarship Committee.

SECTION 20. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS. All members of the Scholarship Committee as well as the Secretariat shall make a full disclosure and execute an oath that they are not related to the any applicant to the scholarship program up to the second civil degree of consanguinity and/or affinity.

SECTION 21. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR). The Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) shall be formulated by the Albuera Scholarship Committee, which shall be submitted to the Municipal Mayor for his approval prior to its implementation.

In addition, the Scholarship Committee shall perform the following:

1. Formulate, implement, draft, monitor and evaluate the program implementation;
2. Evaluate/screen prospective scholars for vocational/technical and college degree;
3. Recommend and submit to the Local Chief Executive the list of qualified scholars;
4. Conduct continuing studies to improve the program;
5. Perform other functions as maybe directed by the Local Chief Executive.

SECTION 22. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason, or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 23. REPEALING CLAUSE. All existing laws and/or ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 24. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect after its approval and compliance with the requirements under the Local Government Code.

APPROVED.

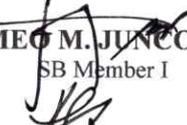
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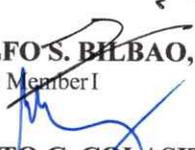
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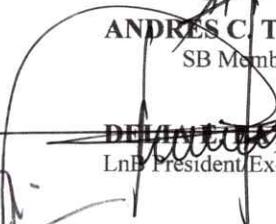

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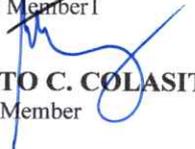

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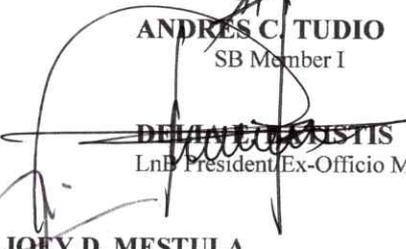

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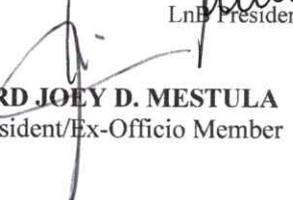

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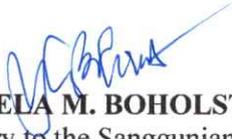

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SB Member


DELA CRUZ SISTIS
Lnb President/Ex-Officio Member


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PPSK President/Ex-Officio Member

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the ordinance duly enacted by the 12TH Sangguniang Bayan on its 29th Regular Session on February 2, 2026 at the SB Session Hall.



PAMELA M. BOHOLST, MPA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan I



CARL KEVIN E. BATISTIS
Acting Municipal Vice Mayor /Presiding Officer

APPROVED:



MARIEL E. MARINAY
Acting Municipal Mayor

Date: FEB 10 2026



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29th REGULAR SESSION
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February 02, 2026

No.	Name & Designation	Signature
1	Hon. MARIEL E. MARINAY Acting - Municipal Mayor	
2	Hon. CARL KEVIN E. BATISTIS Acting - Mun. Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer	
3	Hon. ROLANDO M. EBCAS JR. SB Member	
4	Hon. JOJE B. YBAÑEZ SB Member	
5	Hon. RODOLFO S. BILBAO JR. SB Member	
6	Hon. ALBERTO C. SUMALJAG SB Member	
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9	Hon. ANDRES C. TUDIO SB Member	
10	Hon. DELIA E. BATISTIS ABC President, Ex-Officio	
11	Hon. BERNARD JOEY D. MESTULA SK Federation President, Ex-Officio	

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that those who have affixed their signatures above, have actually attended the 29th Regular Session of the 12th Sangguniang Bayan of Albuera, Leyte, held at the SB Session Hall on February 02, 2026

PAMELA M. BOHOLST
Secretary to the Sanggunian Bayan