

AKAY ISKOLAR

The AKAY ISKOLAR program is a financial assistance program conceived by the University Student Council (USC) in partnership with SMART Communications Incorporated, and the Office of Scholarships and Grants (OSG) for low-income students of UPLB. It aims to help the less fortunate but deserving students by providing sustainable monthly internet connectivity for students who are not qualified under the Student Learning Assistance System (SLAS) of the University of the Philippines.

WHO MAY QUALIFY

The UPLB Committee on Scholarships and Financial Assistance (UPLB-CSFA), which includes the USC Chairperson, select the grantees of the AKAY ISKOLAR program. The committee grants the benefits to students based on the criteria:

- Priority is given to Non-Free Tuition eligible students (although Free-Tuition eligible students with SLAS Application and/or appeal might also be considered by the UPLB-CSFA);
- Belongs to either the PD80 or PD60 tuition discount assignment;
- Grantees may be current beneficiaries of other scholarship programs who need supplemental assistance.

SELECTION AND RENEWAL

- The UPLB-CSFA selects grantees from the list of candidates endorsed by the Office of Scholarships and Grants (OSG). The list is composed of students who are under the PD80/PD60 tuition discount assignments who are not qualified to avail of the learning assistance packages of the SLAS;
- The UPLB-CSFA determines the amount/packages to be given to each grantee, based on the needs of the student and qualifications set both by the donor and the UPLB-CSFA.
- The AKAY ISKOLAR program provides financial assistance for one (1) term (semester or midyear) only for students funded by the Pool. Grantees may be renewed for another semester depending on the availability of funds, the financial status of the grantee as determined by the UPLB-CSFA. To be eligible for the renewal, grantees must: be enrolled in at least one (1) academic unit (except for HK, NSTP and Residency). For disqualified grantees, they must submit an appeal letter to the UPLB CSFA and only the UPLB CSFA can reinstate the grantees upon recommendation of the committee and approval of the donor, when applicable. If the package is not claimed by the grantee within two (2) consecutive terms, the funding shall be returned to the Pool for other prospective grantees.

DONOR'S ROLE

- The AKAY ISKOLAR program provides sustainable monthly internet connectivity by pooling contributions from institutional and individual donors. Organizations, small groups, private individuals, UPLB Employees (Faculty, REPS, Admin) including Individual Contract of Service, Contract of Services, Job Orders, Pakyaw Labor, and even UPLB



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students and UP/UPLB Alumni can help by contributing a portion of their income and allowance to a pool of funds that finances the learning assistance packages (e.g. sim card, prepaid wifis, etc.) of students under the program. Donors may choose to contribute to cover a portion of a UP student's monthly internet allowance or they may finance the internet allowance of the student for one (1) whole term.

- There are several benefit packages which donors can choose from depending on their capacity:
 - **OPTION 1 Data with no Expiry (up to 2-24GB)** To give support to ___ (no. of recipients) students for ___ terms (1st sem/2nd Sem/ Midyear), on a __ monthly or ___ semestral basis by providing the following benefits package:
 - MAGIC DATA 99 2 GB MAGIC DATA (NO EXPIRY) FOR ALL SITES;
 - MAGIC DATA 199 6 GB MAGIC DATA (NO EXPIRY) FOR ALL SITES;
 - MAGIC DATA 399 24 GB MAGIC DATA (NO EXPIRY) FOR ALL SITES

 - **OPTION 2 All Data with validity (up to 2-24GB)** To give support to ___ (no. of recipients) students for ___ terms (1st sem/2nd Sem/ Midyear), on a __ monthly or ___ semestral basis by providing the following benefits package:
 - ALL DATA 50 2 GB SHAREABLE DATA FOR ALL SITES for 3 days
 - ALL DATA 99 6 GB SHAREABLE DATA FOR ALL SITES for 7 days
 - ALL DATA 299 24 GB SHAREABLE DATA FOR ALL SITES for 30 days

- Donors may indicate certain qualifications of UP students to be given priority during the selection of grantees. A donor may also opt to support more than one (1) UP student per semester.

A program in partnership with USC and possible donors to provide sustained monthly internet connectivity for those students who are not qualified to receive gadget or internet subsidy upon their SLAS application (Bracket: PD 80 to PD 60) including those not eligible anymore under RA 10931 (Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education) if they have an existing application and/or appeal with SLAS.

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