1.3.1 Bottom Financial Quintile Admission Target

DOrSU Opens Its Doors to Students from the Poorest Households through Free Higher Education and a Wide Range of Scholarships

As a state university, DOrSU admits students from every income group and backs that access with financial aid. Under Republic Act 10931, the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act, eligible students receive free higher education and financial assistance through the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST). On April 2, 2025, DOrSU held a General Assembly for scholars and grantees at the university gymnasium to explain the law, the DOST scholarship, and other national, local, and institutional aid programs. Leading the sessions were the UniFAST Region XI lead coordinator, a DOST representative, and the head of the university's Financial Aids and Scholarship Grants (FAaSG) Office.



The university's institutional goals call for liberal admission policies and more scholarship support. In the second semester of AY 2024-2025, **15,578 of 16,543 enrolled students (94.2%)** were scholars or grantees.

Scholars and Grantees, 2nd Semester AY 2024-2025

GRANT / SCHOLARSHIP	MAIN	BEC	BgEC	CEC	SIEC	TEC	TOTAL	CLASSIFICATION (SCHOLARSHIP / GRANT)	SPONSOR
INTERNALLY FUNDED									
1. BAGANI	156	12	–	–	16	–	184	ACADEMIC	INSTITUTIONAL
2. MANGALAYAN	495	49	13	20	54	–	631	ACADEMIC	INSTITUTIONAL

3. PWD	12	–	–	2	2	–	16	ACADEMIC	INSTITUTIONAL
SUBTOTAL — INTERNALLY FUNDED							**831**	**STUDENTS**	
EXTERNALLY FUNDED									
1. FREE HIGHER EDUCATION (FHE) ALONE	9,166	1,018	591	1,357	1,210	313	13,655	GRANT	CHED-UNIFAST
2. INSULAR LIFE FOUNDATION WITH FHE	11	–	–	–	–	–	11	ACADEMIC	INSULAR
3. FULL SSP	9	1	–	–	–	–	10	ACADEMIC	CHED
4. HALF SSP	18	1	–	–	–	–	19	ACADEMIC	CHED
5. TDP-TES	242	32	–	6	41	–	321	GRANT	CHED
7. LGU-MATI ASENSO WITH FHE	350	–	–	–	–	–	350	GRANT	LGU MATI
8. DOST	23	–	–	–	–	–	23	ACADEMIC	DOST
9. TEAP	20	–	–	–	–	–	20	GRANT	OFFICE OF THE CITY VICE-MAYOR
10. DA-ACEF	9	–	1	–	3	1	14	GRANT	CHED
11. TES-LISTAHANAN	140	24	–	48	4	–	216	GRANT	CHED
12. COCONUT SCHOLARSHIP	78	6	12	12	–	–	108	GRANT	CHED
SUBTOTAL — EXTERNALLY FUNDED							**14,747**	**STUDENTS**	
TOTAL SCHOLARS AND GRANTEES							**15,578**	**STUDENTS**	

Scholars and Grantees Over Time

Period	Scholars and grantees
2nd semester AY 2024-2025	15,578
Off semester AY 2024-2025	7
1st semester AY 2025-2026	16,650

Free Higher Education Grantees by Campus, 2nd Semester AY 2024-2025

Campus	FHE grantees
Main Main Campus	9,166
Cateel Extension Campus	1,357
San Isidro Extension Campus	1,210
Baganga External Campus	591
Banaybanay Extension Campus	1,018
Tarragona External Campus	313
Total	**13,655**

Free Higher Education Billing

Period	Tuition	Other school fees, NSTP, and admission fees	Total
1st semester AY 2024-2025	₱37,893,009	₱44,626,024	₱82,519,033
2nd semester AY 2024-2025	₱37,035,442	₱43,940,757	₱80,176,199

Reaching Students Across the Province

- **Extension campuses:** DOrSU operates extension campuses in San Isidro, Cateel, and Banaybanay, and external classes in Baganga and Tarragona, set up to overcome geographical barriers to tertiary education.
- **Admission test:** 7,124 applicants took the State University Aptitude and Scholarship Test (SUAST) for AY 2024-2025 in Mati City and municipalities across Davao Oriental.
- **School visits:** the admission office presented DOrSU programs, financial aid, and scholarships to Senior High School students in 18 schools between March 11 and 27, 2024.
- **Scholarship briefings:** General Assemblies on scholarships and Free Higher Education were held at the Main Campus (March 13, 2024), Banaybanay and San Isidro (March 19, 2024), Baganga and Cateel (May 22, 2024), and again on April 2, 2025.

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