1.3.4 Bottom Financial Quintile Student Support

Targeted Grants, Subsidies, and Stipends Help Students from Low-Income Households Finish Their Studies

Beyond free tuition, DOrSU connects students from low-income households to programs that cover living costs, laptops, thesis expenses, and emergencies. The Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) reached 321 students in the second semester of AY 2024-2025, including a separate TES line for students listed in the Listahanan poverty database (216 students in the 2nd semester of AY 2024-2025). The Coconut Scholarship Program supports students from coconut-farming families, and local government and congressional offices fund further grants.

Coconut Scholarship Program (CoScho)

On February 21, 2024, **50 DOrSU students** from coconut-growing families signed scholarship contracts under CoScho, a joint program of the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) and the Commission on Higher Education. Each scholar is entitled to a semester stipend of ₱40,000, a one-time laptop allowance of ₱30,000, thesis assistance of ₱75,000, and a ₱10,000 allowance for seminars and fora, available until the scholar completes the degree. On December 11, 2025, PCA inducted **11 new DOrSU scholars**, each receiving ₱70,000 (₱30,000 for a laptop and ₱40,000 as a one-semester stipend), a total of ₱770,000. In the Davao Region, 51 CoScho scholars were selected in this batch, and the ceremony also gathered 36 CoScho graduates, who were oriented on the required three years of return service.



CoScho Measure	Value
Scholars who signed contracts (February 21, 2024)	50
Stipend per semester	₱40,000
One-time laptop allowance	₱30,000
One-time thesis assistance	₱75,000
Allowance for seminars and fora	₱10,000
New DOrSU scholars inducted (December 11, 2025)	11
Assistance per new scholar (laptop and first-semester stipend)	₱70,000
Total assistance to the 11 new scholars	₱770,000
Required return service	3 years

IskolsCool "(Scholars' Support Program for the Filipino): A Response A Response to the Crisis

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU), through its Financial Aids and Scholarship Office, Office of the Director for Student Affairs and Services, and student volunteers, implemented the IskolsCool Program by donating school supplies to Tamia Elementary School, Don Enrique Lopez Elementary School, and Don Enrique National High School. The initiative mobilized university scholars to fulfill their civic responsibility by extending educational assistance to schoolchildren, particularly those in communities needing support, helping ease the financial burden on families and promoting equitable access to education.

CASH-FOR-WORK Orientation

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU), through its Office of Financial Aids and Scholarship Grants, in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), conducted an orientation on the KALAHI-CIDSS Cash-for-Work Program to prepare qualified graduates and students for their employment responsibilities. The initiative provides temporary employment and practical work experience, helping participants develop workplace skills, improve their employability, and earn income to support their financial needs while preparing for future career opportunities.

Conducted SLE-FHE Program Interview (July 2, 2025- July 18, 2025)

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU), through its Financial Aids and Scholarship Grants (FAaSG) Office, conducted interviews for the Self-Liquidated Equitable Free Higher Education (SLE-FHE) Program to evaluate and validate applicants and ensure that deserving students receive appropriate educational assistance. The initiative promotes equitable access to higher education by identifying students who need financial support and ensuring that scholarship opportunities are allocated through a fair, transparent, and systematic selection process.

Cash for Work Program held at Provincial Capitol Gymnasium on July 29, 2025

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU), in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and other government agencies, participated in the Cash-for-Work Program Culmination and Payout Ceremony for college graduates and students. The initiative provided temporary employment and financial assistance to beneficiaries, while strengthening their employability through skills development, including personal branding and professionalism training. It helped ease financial difficulties, provide income opportunities, and equip young people with practical skills for future employment and economic independence.

Other Financial Support

Program	Students	Amount and details
Thesis Assistance Program (TEAP), Office of the City Vice Mayor, January 22, 2024	40	₱5,000 each (₱200,000 in total)
Crisis assistance (AICS, DSWD), April 5, 2024	1,848	₱5,000 each (₱9,240,000 in total)

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