METRIC 5.3 STUDENT ACCESS MEASURES

Indicator 5.3.3 Women's access schemes (Scholarship)

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU), through its Office of Financial Aids and Scholarship Grants, provides various scholarship and financial assistance opportunities to qualified students, regardless of sex or gender. These initiatives support the University's commitment to promoting equitable access to higher education by ensuring that both male and female students are given opportunities to receive financial assistance and pursue their academic goals based on established eligibility requirements.

The University implements Free Higher Education pursuant to Republic Act No. 10931, otherwise known as the *Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act*, signed into law on August 3, 2017. The Act provides eligible Filipino students enrolled in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) with free tuition and other school fees, thereby promoting wider access to quality tertiary education and helping reduce the financial barriers to pursuing a college degree.

In addition to Free Higher Education, the University offers various internally funded and externally funded scholarship and financial assistance programs, including:

A. Internally Funded Scholarships

- BAGANI Scholarship
- MANGALAYAN Scholarship
- Persons with Disabilities (PWD) Scholarship

B. Externally Funded Scholarships and Financial Assistance Programs

- Full SSP
- Half SSP
- Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES)
- DA-ACEF
- Asenso Para sa Edukasyon
- DOST Scholarship
- TDP-TES
- SMART Scholarship
- Iskolar ng LANDBANK
- Scholarship Program for Coconut Farmers and Their Families

These scholarship and financial assistance programs provide financial support to qualified students who meet the respective eligibility criteria and requirements, without discrimination based on sex or gender.

Through these scholarship and financial assistance initiatives, DOrSU demonstrates its commitment to inclusive and equitable access to higher education. By providing qualified male and female students with opportunities to avail themselves of available educational assistance, the University helps address financial barriers to tertiary education and promotes equal opportunities for students to pursue and complete their chosen academic programs.

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