

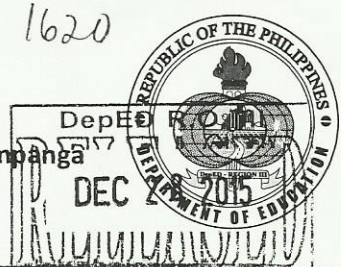


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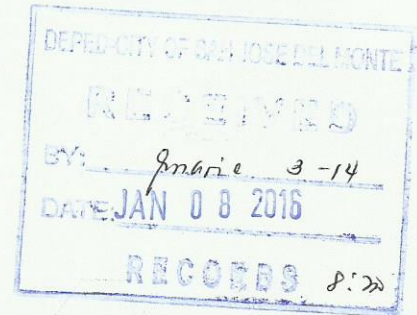
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TO : All Schools Division Superintendents

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA, CESO V**
Director III
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

DATE : December 21, 2015

SUBJECT : Applications for AY 2017-2018 Fulbright Graduate Student Program



Attached is the letter from Dr. Esmeralda S. Cunanan, Executive Director of the Philippine-American Educational Foundation, announcing the applications for AY 2017-2018 Fulbright Graduate Student Program.

Applications will be accepted from December 14, 2015 until March 28, 2016 noting the criteria and process of application indicated in the enclosures.

For further information, applicants can check and download application forms and competition materials at the PAEF website www.fulbright.org.ph or visit the Facebook page www.facebook.com/philippines.fulbrightcommission.

Wide dissemination of this Advisory is desired.

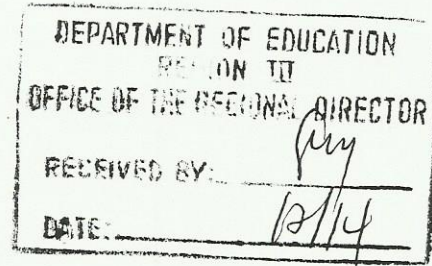
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"Commitment-Driven Performance by our Leaders, Character-Based Instruction for our Learners"
"Collaborating with our Leaders, Caring for our Learner"

December 10, 2015

Mr. Rizalino Jose T. Rosales
Regional Director
Department of Education - Region III
Maimpis, City of San Fernando
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Dear Mr. Rosales:

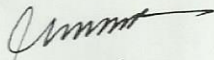
The Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF, also referred to as the Fulbright Commission in the Philippines) is pleased to announce the start of the competition for the U.S. Academic Year 2017-2018 Fulbright Graduate Student Program beginning December 14, 2015. Qualified applicants can apply for graduate degree studies (i.e., master's, Ph.D.) or non-degree studies (i.e., doctoral dissertation research) in the United States. We request for your assistance in disseminating the information and in recruiting applicants for the Fulbright Graduate Student Program. Applications for these grants will be received by PAEF until March 28, 2016.

Fulbright grants have been awarded since 1948 to nearly 3,000 Filipinos. The purpose of the Fulbright Program is to enable deserving Filipinos to pursue their fields of study in the United States and develop leaders in their fields of specialization and to contribute to fostering mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the Philippines. Today, Fulbright alumni occupy prominent positions in the government and the private sector.

We have enclosed the Fulbright application form and a poster about the Fulbright competition. Please encourage applicants to submit their completed applications soonest or by the deadline date of March 28, 2016. Additional competition materials may be obtained directly from the PAEF office and can be downloaded from the PAEF website www.fulbright.org.ph. Interested applicants can check our website to download the required form. They can also like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/philippines.fulbrightcommission where announcements and other relevant information are posted regularly.* The enclosed application form may be photocopied.

We look forward to your participation this year. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Dr. Esmeralda S. Cunanan
Executive Director

Enclosures.

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2017 - 2018 PHILIPPINE FULBRIGHT GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM

The objective of a Fulbright grant is to enable qualified Filipinos to pursue their graduate studies in their fields of interest in the United States and develop leaders who can contribute to promoting better understanding between the Philippines and the United States. Applications are accepted from faculty and staff of Philippine universities and professionals from the private and government sectors.

Funding for Philippine Student Fellowship Program is for a maximum of one academic year for non-degree, one to two years for master's, and two years for doctoral degree studies. The grant provides for round-trip international travel, monthly maintenance allowance, tuition and fees, book/supply allowance, and health and accident insurance.

Fields of Study

1. *Study of the United States* – The study of American culture, life, and society through such fields as government, education, arts and humanities, law, economics, literature, history, the multi-disciplinary field of American Studies or any other humanities or social science field with significant study of the U.S. subject matter.
2. *Global Issues* – Fields of study include environment, human rights, governance and public administration, peace studies/conflict resolution/transformation, international relations and transnational issues, international economics, international business, international law, public health, and STEM fields.
3. *Open Grants* – Fields of study not covered by the first two field categories with the exception of medicine, nursing, physical and occupational therapy, clinical psychology, medical technology, and accountancy.

General Eligibility Requirements

1. Philippine citizenship
 2. English proficiency
 3. College degree with major in field of specialization; excellent undergraduate record
 4. While no medical certification is required at application time, applicants must be in good health to pursue graduate work in the United States. Selected grantees will be required to pass a medical examination.
 5. Applicants must have at least two years of professional work experience (after college) in their field of specialization. Assistantships during college do not count.
 6. Applicants for degree programs must be no older than 40 years of age at the time of application. This age requirement is waived for non-degree study.
 7. Applicants must be prepared to return to the Philippines immediately upon completion of their study.
 8. In addition to the eligibility requirements cited above, non-degree applicants must meet the following:
 - (a) Applicants for doctoral enrichment must be enrolled in a relevant doctoral study program in a Philippine university and must have completed at least two-thirds (2/3) of the academic course requirements of his/her PhD program.
 - (b) Applicants for doctoral dissertation research must be enrolled in a doctoral program, must have a dissertation topic approved at least by his/her adviser, and must show proof that materials required to pursue research are not available in the Philippines but are available in the United States.
- *Individuals holding dual (Philippine-American) citizenship, are permanent residents, and/or are presently studying in the U.S. are not eligible.*
 - *Fulbright alumni who have received awards under the Philippine Fulbright Student Program (i.e., those who pursued master's, PhD or non-degree study) are not eligible for another student grant.*
 - *Students already in the US are ineligible for a grant.*
 - *Individuals who have resided in the US for 5 or more consecutive years in the past six years are ineligible for a grant.*

Required Documents

1. Official or certified true copy of transcript of records from all colleges/universities attended
2. Certified true copy of diploma (NOT ORIGINAL)
3. Four letters of reference (forms are provided in the application kit)
4. Completed 8-page application form
5. NBI clearance acquired in the past six (6) months

NOTE: Standardized test scores (TOEFL, GRE) are not required at the time of application.
Documents submitted will not be returned to the applicants.

Application Period: December 14, 2015 to March 28, 2016