

1 (ii) Certification of validation of income tax filed from
2 the Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation;

3 (iii) Certified statement from the Guam Election
4 Commission on voter registration for the past three (3)
5 general elections;

6 (iv) Statement of mortgage on principal residence from
7 a financial institution over five (5) year period;

8 (v) Official school transcripts from schools attended on
9 Guam; or

10 (vi) Certification of Residency from Mayor's Office.

11 (e) *Financial Need* shall mean the difference between the
12 institutional cost of attendance and the Expected Family
13 Contribution as determined by the Free Application for Federal
14 Student Aid.

15 (f) *Service Credit* shall mean the repayment of award
16 obligation through employment on Guam, upon completion of
17 studies."

18 **Section 2. Regulations.** §15105 of Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Guam
19 Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

20 **"§ 15105. Regulations.**

21 The Board, subject to the provisions of the Administrative
22 Adjudication Law, shall make regulations pursuant to and not
23 inconsistent with the provisions of this Chapter. All policies, rules, and
24 regulations established by the Board pursuant to the provisions

1 contained within this Chapter shall be made pursuant to the
2 Administrative Adjudication Law.”

3 **Section 3. Student Loans.** Subsection (ii) is hereby *added* to §15203(b) of
4 Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated to read:

5 “(ii) service credit *shall not* be used as repayment of loan should the
6 student fail to complete the academic program for which the loan was
7 granted.”

8 **Section 4. Merit Awards.** §15A301(a)(2) of Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the
9 Guam Code Annotated is hereby *repealed*.

10 **Section 5. Merit Awards.** §15A302 of Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Guam
11 Code Annotated is hereby *repealed* and *re-enacted* to read:

12 **“§ 15A302. Benefits.**

13 Students entitled to merit awards pursuant to this Article shall receive
14 the following benefits:

15 (a) Tuition to Attend School. Tuition and fees for each academic
16 year to be paid by the Student Financial Assistance Fund for a period of
17 not more than four (4) years in an undergraduate program at the
18 University of Guam.

19 (b) Allowance for Textbooks. Each student receiving an award
20 under this Article shall be entitled to up to Five Hundred Dollars
21 (\$500.00) per regular semester and up to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
22 per summer and inter-session for textbooks to be disbursed prior to the
23 first day that classes begin.

24 (c) Optional Inter-Session Allowed.

1 (1) Summer. Each student shall be entitled to tuition, fees,
2 and textbooks for inter-session courses on a full-time basis.

3 (2) Between Fall and Spring Semesters. Each student shall be
4 entitled to tuition, fees, and textbooks for summer courses on a
5 full-time basis.

6 (e) For those authorized to attend school off-Guam as provided for
7 herein, the amount of assistance shall not exceed the amount of
8 assistance for a student attending school at the University of Guam.”

9 **Section 6. Merit Awards GPA.** Subsection (1) of §15A303 of Chapter 15
10 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

11 “(1) fails to maintain a cumulative grade point average of ~~2.5~~ 3.0 or its
12 equivalent, except a recipient may be allowed one (1) academic term to regain
13 this average without cancellation of the award, or”

14 **Section 7. Merit Awards Service Credit.** Subsection (f) is hereby *added*
15 to §15A303 of Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated to read:

16 “(f) In the event a student fails to meet all requirements under
17 subsections (c)(1) and (c)(2) of §15A301, *or* fails to complete the academic
18 program for which the award was granted within five (5) years, no service
19 credit shall be granted as repayment of the financial assistance.”

20 **Section 8. Pro-Tech Awards.** Subsection (a) of §15A401 of Chapter 15 of
21 Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

22 “(a) the applicant must be a bona fide resident of Guam ~~for a continuous~~
23 ~~period of not less than ten (10) years~~ prior to application, and a United States
24 citizen, or a permanent resident alien, and must have achieved an overall

1 grade point average of at least 3.00 in undergraduate studies if pursuing a
2 ~~master's~~ graduate degree, or 3.33 in a ~~master's~~ graduate degree program if
3 pursuing a ~~doctoral~~ post-graduate degree, ~~or~~ and must have an irrevocable
4 letter of acceptance from an U.S. accredited professional school, as recognized
5 by the Council on Post Secondary Accreditation ('COPA'), or its successors;"

6 **Section 9 Pro-Tech Awards Service Credit.** Subsection (4) is hereby
7 *added* to §15A403 of Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated to
8 read:

9 "(4) In the event the student fails to complete the academic program for
10 which the award was granted, service credit *shall not* be used as repayment of
11 benefits."

12 **Section 10.** Article 5 of Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Guam Code
13 Annotated is hereby *repealed*.

14 **Section 11. Quan Memorial Scholarship.** §15603 of Chapter 15 of Title
15 17 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

16 **"§ 15603. Scholarship.**

17 The Board is authorized to approve ~~one (1)~~ two (2) scholarships
18 per academic year for undergraduate and/or graduate studies or
19 training, to qualified applicants who have been accepted or admitted
20 into programs leading to a degree in the field of ocean resources
21 scientific studies. The scholarships provided in this Article are subject to
22 the following limitations:

- 23 (a) The applicant must be a bona fide resident of Guam and
24 an U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien who has achieved at

1 least a grade point average of 3.0 in high school or undergraduate
2 studies, ~~or~~ and has received an irrevocable letter of acceptance
3 from an accredited U.S. university, college or professional institute
4 recognized in the fields of ocean resource science, or
5 oceanography.

6 (b) The applicant must agree that after completion of the
7 course of studies for which the scholarship was granted, ~~such~~
8 ~~applicant will remain on or return to Guam to work on Guam for~~
9 ~~one (1) year, for each year the scholarship is received.~~ the financial
10 assistance shall be repaid as follows:

11 (1) Through service credit of work on Guam or within,
12 commencing within six (6) months following completion of
13 studies, unless extended by the Board of extenuating
14 circumstances, at the rate of one (1) year for every Ten
15 Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) awarded.

16 (2) In the event that any portion of the scholarship is
17 not repaid through service credit pursuant to subsection
18 (b)(1) of this section, the amount unpaid in service credit
19 shall become due and payable. The Board shall establish
20 such rules and regulations prescribing the length and terms
21 of repayment, the interest rate to be charged, the collection
22 of delinquent accounts or in the event of a default.

23 (c) The applicant must present to the Board, prior to the
24 granting of the award, satisfactory proof of admission to an

1 accredited U.S. university, college or professional or technical
2 institute, as a full-time student to pursue a program of study in
3 ocean resource science, or fisheries, maritime industries or
4 maritime law, including studies in:

5 (1) living resources;

6 (2) non-living resources, such as hard seabed materials,
7 geothermal venting, precious minerals, submarine currents
8 and other non-living resources;

9 (3) ocean resource technology;

10 (4) pollutant mitigation technology;

11 (5) fishing and maritime industries;

12 (6) maritime law; and

13 (7) marine biology.

14 (d) No scholarship shall be granted under this Article unless
15 the Board has made a written finding that the proposed award, in
16 the specific area of study to be pursued by the applicant, is needed
17 for the development of Guam's ocean resources in the future. The
18 Board shall annually review the fields of study in which ocean
19 resource science scholarships have been awarded, and shall
20 establish a list of priorities for the respective fields of study prior
21 to considering new scholarship applicants. Such findings and list
22 of priorities shall be forwarded to I Liheslaturan Guahan before June
23 30 of every year."

24 **Section 12. Quan Memorial Scholarship Benefits.** Subsection (c) of

1 §15604 of Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby
2 *amended* to read:

3 “(c) Cap Upon Benefits. The total annual benefits for Item (a)(1) of
4 this Section shall not exceed ~~Twelve~~ Ten Thousand ~~Five Hundred~~
5 Dollars ~~(\$12,500.00)~~ (\$10,000). The total annual benefits for Item (a)(2) of
6 this Section shall not exceed ~~Seventeen~~ Fifteen Thousand ~~Five Hundred~~
7 Dollars ~~(\$17,500.00)~~ (\$15,000).”

8 **Section 13. Nursing Loans.** §15801 of Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the
9 Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

10 **“§ 15801. Students Entitled to Loans.**

11 There are established three (3) annual loan awards for graduate
12 studies in nursing, including 'summer-long' programs. ~~Funds~~
13 ~~appropriated for the purpose of providing annual nurse loan awards,~~
14 ~~and which are not totally expended may be used in succeeding years so~~
15 ~~as to increase the number of annual awards or loans. Annual awards~~
16 ~~shall be given to those applicants who have been accepted or who have~~
17 ~~been admitted to a graduate program in nursing, including a 'summer-~~
18 ~~long' program.~~ The awards provided in this Article are subject to the
19 following limitations:

20 (a) A recipient must be a bona fide resident of Guam and a
21 United States citizen or a permanent resident alien and must have
22 achieved an overall grade point average of at least 3.0, based on a
23 4.0 maximum grade point system, in such applicant's
24 undergraduate studies ~~or~~ and must have an irrevocable letter of

1 acceptance from an accredited professional school, admitted to a
2 graduate program in nursing.

3 (b) The applicant must agree that after completion of the
4 course of studies for which the award was granted, such applicant
5 will return to work on Guam in the nursing profession for a
6 period of one (1) year for each Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000)
7 received under the award.

8 (c) The applicant must present to the Board of Regents of the
9 University of Guam (the 'Board') prior to the granting of the
10 award satisfactory proof that such applicant has been admitted as
11 a full-time student to a U.S. accredited college or university
12 offering graduate nursing programs and/or a 'summer-long'
13 program to pursue a graduate degree in nursing.

14 (d) The Board shall select recipients of the awards upon the
15 basis of scholastic ability, financial need, aptitude and health as
16 well as the likelihood of the recipient returning for employment in
17 the nursing profession on Guam."

18 **Section 14. Nursing Loans Repayment.** Subsection (b)(i) of §15803 of
19 Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

20 "(i) At the rate of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for each year
21 during which such borrower is employed in the nursing profession on
22 Guam. No amounts under a promissory note executed pursuant to
23 §15803(a) of this Article ~~this 15603~~ shall be considered due and payable
24 during the period that any such person is so employed."

1 purpose of this Act is to establish a government-wide scholarship
2 program in public administration and in other undergraduate degree
3 programs offered at the School of Business and Public Administration,
4 University of Guam, and the graduate programs offered at the
5 University of Guam. It shall be the aim of this program to support
6 qualified career employees of all departments, agencies, offices,
7 autonomous or semiautonomous instrumentalities of the Government of
8 Guam and the Judiciary who desire to take up undergraduate studies in
9 public administration or in other undergraduate degree programs
10 offered at the School of Business and Public Administration, University
11 of Guam. No one person contributed more to the advancement of
12 education on our island than the late Honorable Pedro "Doc" Sanchez.
13 Senator Sanchez had a distinguished career as an educator and as a
14 public administrator along with his other achievements in the private
15 sector. *I Liheslatura* finds it a fitting memorial to him to name this
16 scholarship program in his honor as a continuing tribute to his
17 numerous, noteworthy contributions on this Territory.

18 **§ 15902. Scope of the Program.**

19 The Pedro "Doc" Sanchez Professional Scholarship for Career
20 Employees of the Government of Guam shall be available to all
21 classified government employees who belong to the career service of the
22 Government of Guam, including the Judiciary, who desire
23 undergraduate studies in public administration, or in other
24 undergraduate degree programs offered at the University of Guam

1 subject to the conditions established in §15903 through §15905 of this
2 Chapter.

3 **§ 15903. Numbers of Scholarships.**

4 Each department, agency, office and autonomous or semi-
5 autonomous instrumentality of the Government of Guam and the
6 Judicial Branch may be granted one scholarship for every fifty career
7 employees in the agency at one time for each academic year at the
8 University of Guam. Those agencies with less than fifty career
9 employees may grant one scholarship.

10 **§ 15904. Selection of Scholarship Recipients.**

11 (a) There shall be annually established a 'Doc Sanchez' Evaluation
12 Committee ('the Committee') composed of the following:

13 (i) two (2) members of the Board of Regents of the University
14 of Guam;

15 (ii) one (1) alumnus of the 'Doc Sanchez' undergraduate
16 program selected by the University of Guam Alumni Association;

17 (iii) one (1) alumnus of the 'Doc Sanchez' graduate program
18 selected by the University of Guam Alumni Association; and

19 (iv) one (1) faculty selected by the Dean of the School of
20 Business and Public Administration.

21 The Committee shall conduct interviews annually for the purpose
22 of selecting scholarships recipients under this program. The passing of
23 such interviews and a careful evaluation of the government service
24 reward and application packets of the candidates shall be considered in

1 the selection of the scholarship recipients. The passing of the oral
2 interviews, the meeting of established University of Guam entrance and
3 academic requirements, and a demonstrated long-term commitment to
4 excellence in the public service of the government of Guam shall
5 constitute the primary criteria for selection of scholarship recipients. The
6 Board may prescribe additional qualifications for admission to the
7 scholarship program.

8 (b) Applications for the 'Doc Sanchez' Scholarship program shall
9 be received by April 30 of every year and applicants shall be
10 interviewed at a time and place designated by the Committee prior to
11 June 30. Awards shall be granted prior to July 30 in a written notice to
12 the selected applicant and his or her department head.

13 (c) In instances where the number of nominees of the Judicial
14 Branch or a department, agency, office, autonomous or semi-
15 autonomous instrumentality of the Government of Guam who are
16 eligible for scholarship awards exceeds the scholarship slots which are
17 available pursuant to §15903 of this Chapter, candidates of that agency
18 who obtained the higher overall ratings shall be preferred over those
19 with lower ratings. Eligible applicants who were not selected for an
20 award due to slot limitations or limited scholarship funds may reapply
21 during the next scholarship application period to reactivate their
22 application.

23 **§ 15905. Responsibility of the Agency.**

1 (a) Employees enrolled in this program shall be allowed
2 administrative leave with pay to attend classes during working hours.
3 Actual class time shall not be used for the accumulation of overtime, nor
4 compensatory time.

5 (b) Agency and Department heads are required to annually report
6 to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* the respective number of employees
7 participating in the 'Doc Sanchez' Program, including the number of
8 credits per semester registered and the total number of annual leave
9 hours granted to each participant. The report shall transmitted no later
10 than June 30 of every year.

11 **§ 15906. Responsibility of the Scholarship Recipient.**

12 (a) Applicants awarded the undergraduate scholarship shall enroll
13 for an undergraduate degree in Public Administration or in any other
14 undergraduate degree program offered at University of Guam
15 immediately after being awarded the scholarship. Undergraduate
16 scholarship recipients who choose to enroll in a degree program other
17 than Public Administration at the School of Business and Public
18 Administration, in keeping with the intent of the scholarship program,
19 shall be required to minor in Public Administration in order to ensure
20 that all scholarship recipients are professionally trained in modern
21 Public Management techniques. Failure to do so shall result in the
22 automatic forfeiture of the scholarship.

23 (b) Applicants shall have worked within the government of Guam
24 for at least three (3) years prior to submission of application.

1 (c) Upon selection for participation in the 'Doc Sanchez'
2 Scholarship program, continuation of recipients in the program shall be
3 based upon meeting the academic standards of the University of Guam
4 as specified in policies published in the official Undergraduate Bulletin
5 (Catalogue) of the University of Guam. Based upon meeting the
6 academic standards of the University of Guam as published in the
7 Undergraduate Bulletins, 'Doc Sanchez' recipients may enroll in
8 required degree courses during the Fall, Spring, Summer and Inter-
9 session semesters.

10 (d) Scholarship recipients shall maintain an overall grade point
11 average of at least 3.0.

12 (e) Each scholarship recipient shall enroll for not less than six (6)
13 academic units and not more than eighteen (18) academic units per
14 regular fall and spring semesters at the University of Guam during the
15 period of his or her study grant. Scholarship recipients may also enroll
16 in a minimum of three (3) credit hours during the summer and inter-
17 session semesters to meet degree requirements. In no case, however,
18 shall a scholarship recipient be allowed more than six (6) consecutive
19 years, from the date of original enrollment, to finish the undergraduate
20 degree from the date of original enrollment, to finish the graduate
21 degree program.

22 (f) Each scholarship recipient shall be required to submit progress
23 reports on his or her studies accompanied by a certified grade report to

1 the head of the agency in which he or she is employed every semester.

2 This report shall contain information on:

3 (1) the subjects enrolled in which satisfy undergraduate or
4 graduate degree requirements at the University of Guam;

5 (2) subjects completed with the corresponding grades and
6 weights in academic units at the end of every semester; and

7 (3) other matters pertinent of the scholarship which shall be
8 required from time to time by the agency head.

9 (g) Upon completion of the scholarship program, the recipient
10 shall be required to render service in a department, agency, office,
11 autonomous or semi-autonomous instrumentality of the government of
12 Guam, or in the judicial branch of government of Guam. The required
13 length of service to be rendered shall be for a period of two (2) years for
14 every academic year of scholarship received by the recipient. For
15 purposes of this section, a year of service is equal to twelve (12) months.
16 The recipient, however, may opt to monetarily reimburse the
17 government of Guam for all the expenses paid by the government of
18 Guam, or the autonomous agency that incurred the cost for the
19 recipient, in connection with such study grant.

20 (h) If the recipient fails to complete the scholarship program for
21 which the award was granted, or if the recipient fails to fulfill
22 requirements pursuant to subsection (f) of this section, the amount
23 unpaid in service shall become due and payable. The Board shall
24 establish such rules and regulations prescribing the length and terms of

1 repayment, the interest rate to be charged, and the collection of
2 delinquent accounts regarding the administration of this subsection.

3 **§ 15907. Benefits.**

4 Recipients of the scholarship program pursuant to this Article
5 shall receive the following benefits:

6 (a) Payment of tuition and fees pursuant to §15906(d) of this
7 Chapter;

8 (b) An allowance of up to Two Hundred Fifty Dollars
9 (\$250.00) per semester for textbooks to be disbursed prior to the
10 first day of such semester.

11 Beginning with the academic year 2004-2005, all awards for
12 participants of the scholarship program herein who are employed by
13 autonomous agencies shall be paid for by their respective autonomous
14 agencies as defined by Title 12 of the Guam Code Annotated, except for
15 employees of the Public Broadcasting Corporation Guam who shall
16 continue to have their awards paid for through appropriation by *I*
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

18 **§ 15908. Administration.**

19 (a) The University of Guam shall administer the 'Doc Sanchez'
20 Scholarships program and shall be responsible for disseminating
21 scholarship information on a regular basis throughout the government
22 of Guam.

1 (b) The University of Guam shall henceforth keep all financial
2 records and all official administrative and academic records dealing
3 with the current and former participants of the scholarship program.

4 (c) The University of Guam shall periodically make an assessment
5 of the professional staffing needs of the Government of Guam and the
6 Judiciary and assess the adequacy of the professional undergraduate
7 degree programs and graduate degree programs.

8 **§ 15909. No Disruption of Government Service.**

9 The Director of the agency or department whose employee has
10 been awarded a scholarship under this law shall balance the need to
11 support the scholarship recipient in the minimum number of six (6)
12 credit hours as required by the program per semester to enable the
13 recipient to graduate within six (6) years for an undergraduate degree or
14 three (3) years for a graduate degree and the need to ensure that the
15 agency's or department's operations are not hindered and that
16 government service to the public is not impaired due to the recipient's
17 absence from work because of class schedules.

18 In balancing these needs, the Director shall have the discretion to
19 approve or disapprove the employee's class schedule, or to limit the
20 number of credit hours enrolled per semester, provided that a written
21 justification is made by the Director concerning the critical need of
22 services by the employee and that government service to the public will
23 be hindered or substantially impaired if the employee's proposed class
24 schedule be approved. The Director shall exercise his or her discretion in

1 good faith and not unreasonably disapprove or limit employees
2 proposed class schedule unless good cause is shown.

3 **§ 15910. University of Guam Clearance Required Upon Separation.**

4 The heads of all government of Guam agencies and
5 instrumentalities shall require that all employees of their respective
6 agencies who have received scholarship assistance pursuant to this
7 Article obtain a clearance from the University of Guam prior to the
8 employee's separation from employment in the government of Guam.

9 The University of Guam shall grant the clearance if the recipient has:

10 (a) repaid the assistance provided through service; or

11 (b) repaid the assistance provided; or

12 (c) arranged to repay the assistance through a periodic
13 payment plan that complies with Title 17 GCA §15112.

14 The head of the agency or instrumentality shall not authorize the
15 payment of any accrued and payable leave or release of retirement fund
16 contributions to the employee until he obtains the clearance."

17 **Section 16. Nursing Training.** §151002 of Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the
18 Guam Code Annotated is hereby *repealed and re-enacted* to read:

19 **"§ 151002. Benefits.**

20 There are hereby established the following benefits for nursing
21 students at the University of Guam awarded assistance under this
22 Article:

23 (1) Payment of tuition and fees at the University of Guam;

1 (2) Allowance of up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per
2 regular semester for textbooks to be disbursed prior to the first
3 day of the semester, and up to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per
4 summer or inter-session if the recipient is enrolled for summer or
5 inter-session courses;

6 (3) As a condition for continuing full entitlement to the
7 benefits provided in this Chapter, recipients must maintain a full-
8 time enrollment, as defined by regulation of the University of
9 Guam, and be of good academic standing. No recipient may
10 receive benefits beyond the number of calendar years normally
11 required to complete such nursing student's program."

12 **Section 17. Nursing Training GPA.** §151009 of Chapter 15 of Title 17 of
13 the Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

14 **"§151009. Minimum Grade-Point-Average.**

15 For students entering the Nursing Training Program after the
16 enactment of this Section, the *minimum* cumulative grade-point-average
17 to remain in the program in good standing is ~~'2.5.'~~ 3.0. If the recipient
18 fails to maintain the minimum grade point average requirement, he or
19 she shall be allowed one (1) academic term to regain the average
20 without the cancellation of the award. In the event such a student
21 participating in the Nursing Training Program drops below the
22 minimum cumulative grade point average herein, the student shall be
23 placed on probation for a period to be determined by the Board of

1 ~~Regents, but such probationary period shall not exceed three (3)~~
2 ~~semesters exclusive of summers or inter sessions."~~

3 **Section 18. Nursing Training Selection.** §151009 of Chapter 15 of Title
4 17 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

5 **"§ 151003. Selection of Trainees.**

6 The program shall be open to any student who has ~~completed high~~
7 ~~school, or is otherwise declared~~ been admitted to the School of Nursing at by
8 the University of Guam ~~as eligible for admission to the program~~; who is a
9 United States citizen or permanent resident alien; *and* who has been a resident
10 of Guam for *at least* one (1) year *prior to* the beginning of the academic
11 semester or term the student is admitted, registered and enrolled in the
12 program. The number of trainees who may enroll in the program annually
13 shall be limited *only* by the capacity of the University of Guam and by funds
14 made available to it by annual appropriation. In the event of limited space
15 and/or funds, priority shall be given to students at the highest level of
16 training and closest to the completion of their program. No student may
17 receive ~~stipends~~ benefits pursuant to §151002 of this Article beyond the
18 number of calendar years normally required to complete a training program.
19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law or administrative rules and
20 regulations, students who hold a Bachelor's Degree in a subject other than
21 nursing shall be eligible for the program, provided that such students meet all
22 other requirements herein."

23 **Section 19. Enactment.** Provisions of this Act shall be applicable to
24 awards granted for the Academic Year 2010-2011 and thereafter.

1 **Section 20. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application
2 to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
3 other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without
4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act
5 are severable.