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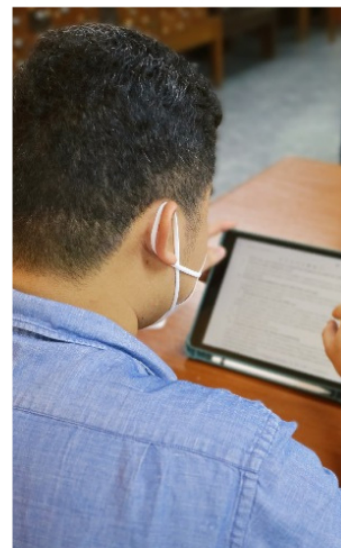
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The University of the Philippines College of Law is an institution acknowledged for its continuing commitment to academic excellence and service to the public. This recognition is the product of the College's continuing effort to serve as a catalyst for positive change in legal institutions.

To sustain this goal, the College supports the next generation of aspiring students, who aim to study in the foremost Philippine law school in the country, through the University of the Philippines College of Law Scholarship Program.

Ultimately, the goal is for this Program to contribute to the development of the Philippine legal system and its institutions.



About

The UP College of Law Scholarship Program is intended to provide financial assistance to economically disadvantaged students who need it the most.

It was initiated in the first semester of academic year 2019-2020 when the College decided to formulate its own Scholarship Program from the old scheme of bridging various private scholarship options with students at the UP College of Law. Now, the UP College of Law pools funds from various private donors and in turn, accepts application from students who may qualify to be recipients of the scholarship program.

Applying students may qualify to be part of one of the three tiers introduced by the College according to various financial factors set by the College with the following benefits:

Tier 1 – Full waiver of tuition fee, book allowance, and monthly allowance

Tier 2 – Full waiver of tuition fee and book allowance

Tier 3 – Full waiver of tuition fee

Tier 4 – Book and internet allowance

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Message from the Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee



Education is the principal institution and one of the best ways through which the community contributes to the formation of an individual. A community that aspires for a just and humane society must therefore ensure that its educational institutions develop values such as respect, kindness, and generosity among the members of the community.

It is upon these principles that the University of the Philippines College of Law Scholarship Program was founded and is being maintained. Beyond the material or financial support that our Scholarship Program provides to those of our students who need it, our Scholarship Program is the College's way of inculcating in a concrete way the values mentioned above. As the College and our donors teach these values to our students by example, it is the UP Law community's hope that our graduates will be living exemplars of the values that our society needs and deserves.

To all our donors who have contributed to the continued success of our Scholarship Program, the UP Law community extends its heartfelt gratitude. We hope that you and others who wish to help educate our youth in the law and in the values the College cherishes will continue to support our scholarship program.

To our scholars who are "iskolars ng bayan" twice over, know that our only expectation is that you live by and be beacons of the values that animate our Scholarship Program, our College, and our University.

Dean Edgardo Carlo L. Vistan, II
Chairperson
UP College of Law Scholarship Committee

Message from the Focal Person for Scholarship Concerns

Dear Alumni and Friends,

We are immensely happy to share the UP College of Law Scholarship Report 2022 to present our scholars' accomplishments, pursuits, and triumphs under the improved UP College of Law Scholarship Program. We are also delighted to share their testimonials and return service obligations that mutually advance the college and the student.

We thank our alumni, law firms, and friends for their generosity. Their support has already allowed 47 students to reach their dreams of becoming UP lawyers since the institution of the new scholarship program. More will join in a few years as around ten percent (10%) of the student population or 127 students continue to benefit from the program.

Growing from the seeds of inspiration sown by former Dean Fides Cordero-Tan and the support and guidance from Dean Carlo L. Vistan II, we are confident in expanding our scholarship program. We look forward to the advances offered by diversity and inclusion in our college. We are also convinced that you, our dear alumni and friends, will help us meet the financial needs of all our students. We hope this publication will further encourage you and others to become our partners in providing scholarships to our law students. The scholarship will help today's students and continue to build on our strong tradition of providing opportunities for the next generation of lawyers who wish to study law in the grand manner.

Best wishes,

Raymond Marvic C. Baguilat
Focal Person for Scholarship Concerns
UP College of Law Scholarship Committee



The UP College of Law provides an equitable scholarship that addresses the impact of socioeconomic barriers on the success of our students. Gender, disability status, age, sexual orientation, economic standing, and indigeneity are all considered in the scholarship. We also advocate increasing the scholarship to mirror the national poverty rate and reach as many students as possible.

The UP College of Law Scholarship Program continues to serve the next generation of lawyers with the patronage and unwavering support of its generous donors. Thanks to your help, students in need may pursue their legal education with less burden.

We would like to express our appreciation to the people and organizations listed hereunder who went above and beyond to support the education of future lawyers. We cannot thank them enough for their generosity.



Privately Named Scholarship Funds

Fortun Narvasa & Salazar Scholarship
UP Law Class of 1991 Scholarship
UP Law Class of 1993 Scholarship
Justice Antonio Carpio Scholarship
Atty. Avelino J. Cruz Jr. Scholarship
Trocio Law Office, Pc Scholarship
Copylandia Foundation Inc. Scholarship
Justice Marvic Leonen Scholarship Fund
for Honor, Excellence, Leadership,
Service and Passion for Justice
Baniqued Law Scholarship Fund

MOSVELDTT Scholarship
Prof. Gabriel A. Dee Scholarship
Reyno Family Scholarship
Prof. Anthony Charlemagne Yu
Scholarship
David B. Puyat Scholarship Grant (PJS)
Atty. Jason De Guzman (UP Law 2009D)
Scholarship
Benjamin Carale Scholarship
UPLAA-Negros Occidental Chapter
Scholarship / Atty. Silverio Benny J. Tan

Private Scholarships

Angara, Abello, Concepcion,
Regala & Cruz Law Offices
Justice Irene R. Cortes Memorial
Violeta Calvo-Drilon
Juliana R. Ricalde

Teresita Cruz Sison and Maria
Teresita Sison Go
UP Portia Sorority
UP Law Class Of 1986 Scholarship
Malcolm 100 Class '86

History

The total tuition and other fees at the UP College of Law are estimated to cost around P27,000 per semester. In 2018-2019, the College had a total of 1,014 enrollees across all year levels. Of the 1,014, 411 students—comprising 40.5% of the student population—applied for student fee discounts under the Socialized Tuition System (STS). The STS offers a graduated tuition discount system based on income and socio-economic characteristics of the applicant's household.

Due to the stringent requirements of the STS, however, many applications from students of the College are denied. During the same school year, there were 8 applications for leave of absence which specified financial need as reason.

This problem was amplified by the pandemic. The shift to remote learning posed challenges that compounded the already existing problems which financially handicapped students were facing.

Under the previous scholarship regime, the College administered 30 programs, all of which were established from private funds or periodic donations.

Under this scheme, the donors themselves specify the amount of the fund or donation, as well as the criteria for the selection of the scholar. The College implements the instructions from the donors and recommends qualified applicants therefor.

Due to this, scholarships that require minimum grades, or a particular gender, home province, family background, and low income threshold—coupled with high merit requirements—are usually without a matched scholar. Financially handicapped applicants are unable to avail themselves of scholarship grants due to rigid and multiple criteria imposed.



To address this problem, changes to the scholarship program were introduced starting AY 2019-2020, which aimed for the College to establish its own scholarship fund from donations from alumni and other parties, including the pooling, whenever proper, of the private scholarship funds.

Doing so allowed the College to establish its own scholarship fund, subject to its own policies and guidelines in terms of management and disbursement and criteria for scholars. The inability of many deserving applicants to obtain financial grants due to stringent and multiple criteria has thus been addressed, and the processing of the applications and payment of the grants have been simplified.

The current iteration of the scholarship program introduced a mode of renewal which allows students who qualified in the previous semester to renew by the mere expedient of submitting a letter of intent. Previously, students were required to go through the whole application process per semester.

In the academic year 2018-2019, there were a total of 59 grantees across various scholarships, in varying amounts and subject to various qualifying criteria. Upon the implementation of the UP College of Law Scholarship Program, this number has been increased to 72 in A.Y. 2019-2020, to 145 in A.Y. 2020-2021, and to 159 in A.Y. 2021-2022.



At present, the program supports a total of 127 scholars, all of whom are selected on the basis of uniform criteria, and given grants based on a multi-tiered system.

Objectives



To address the inability of students to complete their law education due to financial need



To allow economically disadvantaged students to focus on their studies



To allow for diversity and academic competition from students coming from disadvantaged territories



To provide an occasion for a return service program under terms and conditions

47 bar passers

1 excellent performance
15 exemplary performance

14 graduates with academic awards

3 cum laude
11 Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence

127 student scholars

100 renewing scholars
27 new grantees

41 Tier 1 scholars
49 Tier 2 scholars
37 Tier 3 scholars

21 bar scholars

7 Tier 1 scholars
8 Tier 2 scholars
6 Tier 3 scholars

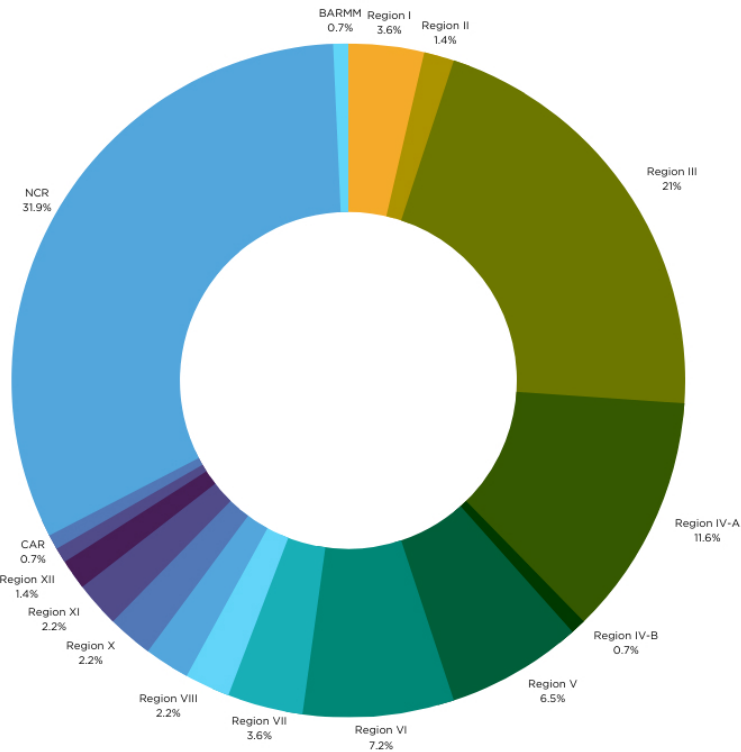
BY THE NUMBERS

36%
47 male

64%
84 female

24%
32 LGBTQIA+

3%
4 Indigenous Peoples



Luzon

- 1 CAR (Cordillera Administrative Region)
- 5 Region I (Ilocos Region)
- 2 Region II (Cagayan Valley)
- 29 Region III (Central Luzon)
- 16 Region IV-A (Calabarzon)
- 1 Region IV-B (Mimaropa)
- 9 Region V (Bicol Region)

Visayas

- 10 Region VI (Western Visayas)
- 5 Region VII (Central Visayas)
- 3 Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)

Mindanao

- 3 Region IX (Zamboanga Peninsula)
- 3 Region X (Northern Mindanao)
- 3 Region XI (Davao Region)
- 0 Region XIII (Soccsksargen)
- 1 Region XVI (Caraga)
- 1 BARMM (Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao)

Metro Manila

- 44 NCR (National Capital Region)

2021 Bar Passers

Scholars from 2019-2021

Alip, Alexyss Anne P.	Facinal, Berne M.
Afionuevo, Ray Michael N.	Ferrer, Aldrin Dale E.
Arquero, Paolo Miguel C.	Gallardo, Reiner S.
Ascue, Jeronimo M.	Geronimo, Juno V.
Austria, Maria Alexandra C.	Gonzalez, Faye Monchelle O.
Beira, Paul Nathan A.	Hernandez, Jaerelle P.
Belenzo, Ritzchelle C.	Israel, Patricia Kareena A.
Capito, Dianara B.	Lopez, Marc Christian M.
Collera, Cristelle Elaine V.	Pablo, Roi Marru L.
Dagun, Jenny Mary C.	Santos, Shaina Marie S.
David, Raizza Dawn Angeli C.	Tacandong, Ma. Samira C.
De Castro, Princess Aira G.	Tulalian, Loren Bea I.
De Guzman, Juan Paolo P.	Umali, Karla Elain D.
De Leon, Karla Mae E.	Vergara, Trixia Marie I.
Desabelle, Jela D.	Villafuerte, Ian Jonathan R.
Escosio, Angelica Jhoy A.	

Excellent Performance

Godornes, Danica Mae M.

Exemplary Performance

Alojado, Le Ann C.	Marticio, Queena M.
Cosico, Jean Michelle V.	Mendoza, Nepomuceno III M.
Dela Cruz, Jerome Joker M.	Navarro, Justine A.
Esteban, Razel Ann P.	Nini, Fidel Rico Y.
Julian, Mark Morris A.	Remonte, Anya Katrina Yzabelle A.
Leal, Genesis Tjay R.	Tongson, Marlene-Ruth C.
Ledesma, Janine Joyce B.	Utan, Mathew B.
Lerios, Mary Abegail P.	

2022 Graduates

Abendan, Beatrice Anne U.	Magaoay, Pia Pollaine P. <i>Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence</i> <i>Electoral Commission - Commissioner (A.Y. 2019-2022);</i> <i>Secretary (A.Y. 2021-2022)</i> <i>MOSVELDTT Scholarship (A.Y. 2020-2021, 1st Semester</i> <i>to A.Y. 2021-2022, 2nd Semester)</i>
Abrea, Karen Faith L.	
Aguilar, Joshua Cris F. <i>Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence</i>	
Aniag, John Malcolm S.	Manuel, Kim M.
De Guzman, Karla Lois F. <i>Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence</i>	Marchan, Christian G. <i>Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence</i> <i>Law Student Government - BGC Evening Representative</i> <i>(A.Y. 2019-A.Y. 2020)</i>
Dela Cruz, Marie Danielle Angela M.	Mariñas, Erickson C. <i>Cum Laude</i> <i>Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence</i>
Dela Rosa, Camille Bianca L.	Marquez, Aaron Daryl P. <i>Cum Laude</i> <i>Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence</i>
Dumlao, Luntian P.	Necesario, Roy Santos S.
Flores, Ruth Gabrielle E.	Peñafiel, Camille Denise T. <i>Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence</i> <i>Prof. Gabriel A. Dee Scholarship (A.Y. 2021-2022, 2nd</i> <i>Semester)</i>
Ilagan, Maria Analyn S. <i>Philippine Law Journal Editorial Board - Editor</i> <i>(Volume 93)</i> <i>UP Law Class of 1991 Scholarship (A.Y. 2019-2020, 2nd</i> <i>Semester to A.Y. 2021-2022, 2nd Semester)</i>	Pineda, Ma. Luisa A.
Irene, Victor Carlo G. <i>Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence</i>	Racelis, Nadine D.
Javier, Patricia Anjela N. <i>Cum Laude</i> <i>Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence</i>	Reynoso, Marielle L.
Ledesma, Honey Kyle Patrice A.	Rodriguez, Jerelleen A. <i>Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence</i>
Llegado, Clarizette O. <i>Prof. Gabriel A. Dee Scholarship (A.Y. 2019-2020, 2nd</i> <i>Semester to A.Y. 2021-2022, 1st Semester)</i>	Ruiz, Alayssah Marie C. <i>Electoral Commission - Commisioner (A.Y. 2019-2022);</i> <i>Vice Chairperson (A.Y. 2021-2022)</i>
Lopez, Stephanie Ann B. <i>Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence</i>	Señadoza, Eunice Alexcy F.
	Yano, Mae Celriz O.

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Nonato, Vince Alvic Alexis F. <i>Editor</i>	Estrada, Katrina Kaye N. <i>Editor</i>
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Tech for Good Institute Essay Competition 2022

Philippines Category

Guillermo, Gerald John C. <i>2nd Prize</i>



Atty. Fidel Rico Y. Nini, CPA

*Batch 2021
Lawyer, Solo practice; Technical Assistant, Philippine Competition Commission;
Lecturer, Ateneo de Manila University and University of Santo Tomas
Academic Scholar from 2020-2021, Bar Scholar for 2022*

I just recently passed the 2020/21 Bar Examination with Exemplary Performance and I am a proud product of UP College of Law Scholarship Program. The scholarship has played a significant part in my law school journey.

As a less privileged boy from Cebu province, entering law school was quite a challenging path to take. But because being a CPA-Lawyer had always been my childhood dream, also a profession once dreamed for me of my late tricycle driver-father, I pursued law. Thankfully, I got admitted to the premier state university which has the lowest matriculation fees. Yet, despite being a working student, I was still struggling to solely finance my basic and school needs here in Manila.

I was fortunate enough that the scholarship program was always there ready to lend a helping hand. As a consequence, more time and focus were devoted to my academic performance. I eventually graduated as a Dean's Medalist for Academic Excellence and my research paper was published in the Philippine Law Journal.

So thank you, UP College of Law Scholarship Program! Thank you, donors! May you always continue to support deserving students who have less in life.



Atty. Shaina Marie S. Santos

*Batch 2021
Junior Associate, Poblador Bautista & Reyes Law Offices
Academic Scholar from 2018-2021*

Studying law is arduous on its own. Studying law while having to worry about your expenses is a whole different kind of struggle.

Being one of the scholars of the UP College of Law Scholarship Program helped alleviate the financial difficulties I faced during law school. The free tuition, book allowance, and monthly stipend I received, in addition to my salary as a research assistant in the UP Law Center, made it possible for me to finish law school and pass the bar while also providing for my parents.

When the pandemic hit, the Scholarship Committee made sure that we scholars and our families had the support we needed. I thank Atty. Maritess Sison-Go and all the other donors and benefactors who willingly shared their resources with us.

Because of all the kindness I received during my stay in law school, I now continue to strive to exemplify the values of humility, compassion, and generosity. Now, as I begin my journey in the legal profession, I look forward to the day when I will also be able to pay it forward.

Atty. Jeronimo Macaspac

*Batch 2020
Court Attorney, Court of Appeals
Academic Scholar from 2016-2020, ACCRA Scholarship*

As someone who was forced to leave home due to threats of physical and psychological violence, I had to exhaust all means possible to support my legal education. Throughout law school, apart from the academic demands, I had to deal with figuring out how to stretch what meager budget I could come up with - sometimes even choosing between getting food or photocopying readings.

Being a scholar gave me the opportunity to focus more on my studies by unburdening me with a significant portion of my financial hurdles. Having lost my family entering law school, the scholarship program gave me the much needed comfort that I was not alone in fighting to accomplish my dream. Apart from the financial assistance, it taught me the value of community and kindness - both of which I carry with me as I build my own legal career.

There were days when I thought that I couldn't make it because of the financial challenges, on top of the psychological trauma I was reeling from. Because of the kindness of our benefactors, I was able to pull through. I can only hope to repay this generosity by being the best lawyer that I can be in my chosen track. I will do my best to be worthy of such an investment.

Thank you for taking a chance on me when it felt like I had to figure things out on my own. I will forever be indebted to the scholarship program because it spelled the difference between being a lawyer and dropping out altogether.



Atty. Roi Marru L. Pablo

*Batch 2020
Chief Legal Counsel, JRS Business Corporation (JRS Express)
Academic Scholar from 2016-2020*

The Scholarship Program of UP Law has been vital in my journey of becoming a lawyer. Being the son of a telephone repairman and a homemaker, our household income during my stay in law school was merely enough for our daily needs. I had to commute to and from Plaridel, Bulacan daily since I take care of my parents who were already senior citizens at the time.

I have been a scholar since my first semester in the College. Academic performance used to trump financial needs as a factor in awarding scholarships. I agree with the move that the Scholarship Program of the College should prioritize those who have less in life without disregarding the requirement of academic excellence. This way, we can democratize access to UP Law. I believe that this will allow us to serve those who have no access to quality lawyers by making them have a chance of becoming quality lawyers themselves.

Thank you to all the donors who have made and continue to make the dreams of poor students like me come true.

To the current scholars, I wish you all the best. Be firm that there is light at the end of the tunnel.





Atty. Faye Monchelle O. Gonzalez

*Batch 2019
Integrity Due Diligence Researcher, Asian Development Bank
Academic Scholar from 2014-2019, Bar Scholar for 2021*

The UP Law Scholarship Program was instrumental in my journey from being a financially struggling working student to becoming a lawyer, and I will forever be grateful for it.

I was a freelancer who worked multiple jobs. I was not always paid on time, and this took a toll on my finances and mental health. The financial aid I would receive almost every semester helped me pay my tuition fees and bills notwithstanding my irregular work pay schedule. This lessened my worries and directly contributed to the improved state of my mental health and wellbeing. The Bar Scholarship likewise helped me make it through the bar review while I was unemployed and not receiving financial assistance from others.

I thank the donors for the generous work they are doing and serving as a reminder to students in difficult situations that they are being supported in the pursuit of their dreams.



Atty. Paul Nathan A. Beira

*Batch 2021
Associate, SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan
Academic Scholar from 2019-2021*

Without the UP College of Law Scholarship Program, my journey to becoming a lawyer would have been more difficult than I could ever imagine.

When I first enrolled in UP Law in 2016, I was working as a manager in an accounting firm. By the end of my first academic year as a working law student, I realized that achieving a perfect balance between fulfilling my responsibilities at work and performing well in law school was not sustainable. So I took a huge risk, gave up my managerial stint, and accepted a job as a paralegal in a mid-sized law firm. With the manageable hours, I had more time to dedicate to law school. However, I also took a pay cut, and soon thereafter, making ends meet while going through the rigors of law school became the new challenge.

But because of the UP Law Scholarship Program, not only was I able to overcome that challenge; I've also managed to graduate on time and with flying colors. I now begin my journey as a full-fledged lawyer filled with hope that someday, I can "pay it forward" and help deserving Iskolars ng Bayan achieve their own dreams of becoming lawyers.

Atty. Ian Jonathan R. Villafuerte

*Batch 2021
Associate, Aquende Ania Que & Associates (AAQ Law).
Academic Scholar from 2018-2021*

As a beneficiary of the UP College of Law Scholarship Program during my years in law school, I cannot stress enough how helpful the support of the program and the financial aid it has extended to me and my family has been. I was able to focus more on my studies and on doing my best on each and every recitation, paper, and exam.

I am incredibly grateful to the donors and benefactors of the program, and I hope that the College's scholarship program will help more aspiring lawyers succeed and eventually be part of the legal profession.



Atty. Karla Mae E. de Leon

*Batch 2021
Executive Assistant V, Office of Justice Germano Francisco D. Legaspi,
Court of Appeals
Scholar from 2019-2021, Bar Scholar for 2021*

I express my sincerest gratitude to the UP College of Law Scholarships Committee and the UP College of Law Alumni for giving me the opportunity to be one of the scholarship recipients in the past academic years 2019-2021. I was also fortunate to be one of the Bar Scholars during the #BestBarEver20_21.

The assistance provided by UP College of Law has sufficiently allowed me to pursue my law degree, graduate, and eventually, successfully hurdle the bar examinations. May you continue the good works as you support the dream of every law student.





**AFABLE, Kemp
Dieonne R.**
Batch 2024
Scholar since 2020

The scholarship program helped—and continues to help—me realize how much I like the study of law. I went into law school during a particularly challenging time.

In 2020, my mother had just finished chemo and radiation therapy after being diagnosed with Stage IV Breast CA. Our financial struggles were compounded by the pandemic. The prudent choice was to find a job, and entering law school was the last thing on my mind. However, my mother wanted me to pursue and focus on the study of law. Fortunately, the scholarship program was there to help me get through the pandemic while studying. The program has allowed me to focus, which in turn allowed me to appreciate the value of law in our society. I now intend to finish my studies and become a lawyer.

Thank you, UP Law, for allowing me to pursue this dream which has now become my own. For someone in my position, the fact that I do not have to worry about where to obtain money for tuition and books goes a long way in helping me with my studies.

To be a student in this institution is a rare opportunity, and being a recipient of the scholarship program has helped me stay as such. I do hope that the program continues helping law students in positions similar to my own, through the help of our various donors.



SERRANO, Ian Jerald J.
Batch 2023
Scholar since 2020

The free tuition has significantly lightened my family's financial load, which allows me to focus on my law studies worry-free in this aspect. Also, I have been able to buy the commentaries that I need for my subjects thanks to the book allowance. Without the scholarship, my law school experience would surely have been more difficult.

Thank you so much to the UP Law Scholarship Fund donors for your generosity! Your support has meant so much to us scholars!



LIM, Joanne Rose S.
Batch 2023
Scholar since 2019

With the book allowance, I was able to purchase resources I need to study for my classes. Not having to spend for tuition also made adjusting to the pandemic and the country's economic situation more manageable for my family. With worries regarding law school expenses lessened, I have more time to focus on my studies.

Thank you UP Law and the Scholarship Fund donors! Thank you for providing students like me the rare opportunity to pursue law studies in a top law school. The projected expenses of being a law student is one of the reasons some stop entertaining their dream of being lawyers altogether. Thank you for making the dreams of us UP Law Scholars reachable and realizable.



VALENCIA, Rejinel G.
Batch 2023
Scholar since 2018

I am part of the evening program. Unlike many of my peers at the UP College of Law, I did not come from a well-off family and I cannot rely on them to support my legal education. It is more like the opposite: I am expected to support them on top of whatever personal goals I have to finance.

I have survived my entire schooling by securing slots in various scholarship programs alongside student assistantship programs. I have expected that law school is no different and I need to work if I were to finance my own legal education. The only difference is that my parents have also become dependent on us during this law school. They have since retired and the typical Filipino setup obligates us to support them. This adds a burden on my financial standing.

Had I not been part of the scholarship program, I would have already been moving mountains to raise funds for my tuition. Paying tuition might already mean depriving my family of the help I should be giving to them. I find it unfair to prioritize my legal education over their needs.

With the assistance that the College has extended to me, I am able to continue my education without sacrificing the welfare of my loved ones.

For the many times I have doubted my financial capacity to continue, the scholarship has always encouraged me to stay in the College. I thank the UP College of Law administration and its generous supporters for this innovative scholarship program that they have crafted. I have often shared with my friends that I am glad to be under an administration that holistically considers the welfare of the students. This is the first time I have encountered a scholarship program that is primarily needs based, one that looks beyond the academic standing of students. It takes a visionary leader to see this angle of education.

Poverty is what bars many hopefuls from shooting their chance at entering the UP College of Law. Once inside the College, it still haunts many of us, forcing us to skip classes, perform poorly during discussions, or even drop out of school. Unfortunately, grades do not reflect these realities, and poor students are generally at a disadvantage when grades become the sole basis to secure slots at scholarship opportunities. I am glad the College has since recognized this fact.

I hope the entire University will be inspired by your generosity and good will. I will be forever thankful for this opportunity.



DE LEON, Richard S.M.
Batch 2023
Scholar since 2019

The UP College of Law Scholarship Program enabled me to pursue and focus on my studies despite the financial difficulties faced by my family, especially considering that I have younger siblings who are also attending school. I was able to obtain the necessary law books, and the equipment needed for online learning, among other material needs for a productive study.

I express my sincerest gratitude to the UP College of Law, the Scholarship Committee, and the sponsors of the College for continuing to support us scholars in our journey. Your generosity truly inspire us to do our best in our studies amidst the financial difficulties that confront us.



DEE, Annie Erika T.
Batch 2024
Scholar since 2020

The scholarship helped me immensely. When things get particularly tough in school and rough in life, the idea that I am studying law with massive financial help from people I do not necessarily know and certainly do not know me – just people who yearn for others to achieve their dream against the odds – always makes things suddenly feel easier.

Support, financial especially, for a breadwinner always feels so much more substantial, sweeter, and encouraging. Without this scholarship, I can 100% say that I would not be studying now.

It also felt good to hear during a meeting with Dean Fidel Cordero-Tan, how she made the reassurance that they completely understand the plight of those with jobs and striving to pursue this formal training in law at the same time.

Any second, a sudden work demand, a night of no sleep and still requiring to show up for both work and study at the same time can lead to the quickfire decision to drop and turn away from this precious dream if there is no financial assistance. I have truly felt that and because of that, I can say this assistance is more than just financial – it's a lifeline.



GUILLERMO, Gerald John C.
Batch 2024
Scholar since 2020

The scholarship program helped me very much in my studies because I had the chance to afford books and other reference materials, such as photocopies of cases and other required reading materials. Since the shift to an online setup, the scholarship helped me pay for data plans for videoconferencing, which required a lot of data.

Thank you very much, UP Law, for giving me not only the gift of being able to study in law school but also the gift of exploring further and beyond.

Thanks to the scholarship, I had the chance to apply to conferences and fellowships, locally and internationally, and even supported me in supporting my younger sister in her studies. I had the "breathing space" to discover myself, meet new friends, connect with other people, and forge lasting memories.

The UP Law Scholarship is more than just "financial aid," but a "support" to grow above and beyond and deeper towards hope and service. Maraming salamat po!



OMLANG, Kimberly Mae
Batch 2023
Scholar since 2020

The scholarship program continues to help me stay in law school. I started law school during the pandemic and like most Filipinos, our family faced financial challenges which could have prevented me from pursuing my dreams, but thankfully, the College's scholarship program made it possible for me to have still a shot at being a lawyer.

The scholarship program gives me the opportunity to focus more on my studies, without the fear of the consequences of sudden financial constraints.

The scholarship program also reminds me that it takes a village to build and realize dreams. This inspires me not only to do better with my studies but also to always pay things forward.



MUAÑA, Kim Jem D.
Batch 2023
Scholar since 2019

At the onset of the pandemic, I faced what any struggling law student would—being constrained to procure equipment necessary to further my study by joining the virtual class setup. With the help of the financial assistance of the College of Law, I have been successfully persisting up until the last stretch of my law school journey. The prepaid WiFi modem which accompanied me for the past 2-and-a-half years still works today. The legal commentaries and treatises I bought, through the College's book allowance, continue to aid me in my study for senior review classes and early preparation for the bar exams.

As such, I am truly thankful to the College of Law Scholarship Program for its financial assistance. My otherwise cumbersome stay at Malcolm Hall has become a more smooth-sailing one.



UY, Victoria C.
Batch 2023
Scholar since 2020

I have had the privilege of being a scholar of the UP College of Law Scholarship Program since my second year of legal studies. At that time, my father had to resign from his employment due to health reasons. Later on, my mother was released from her position after a merger. Nevertheless, even when they have no source of income, my parents would insist on supporting me throughout law school. I am witness to how they deny themselves certain conveniences, like air conditioning, traveling in a private car, and eating out on occasions, so they may stretch their budgets.

My pursuit of legal education would not have been as untroubled without the help I received from the scholarship program. It has eased the financial burdens of my family since the funds we have saved from free tuition has been added to our budget for daily expenses and my parents' medication. It has also allowed me to spend less time securing my finances and focus on my performance in law school.

My eternal gratitude goes to the donors, the scholarship Committee, and the scholarship staff. I cannot fully express in words how grateful I am to be a scholar. I promise to continue to give my unconditional dedication to the study of law so that I may, in the future, be able to give back to the college and help extend the same benefit to other students.

Ways to **Donate**

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You can donate any amount to the UP College of Law Scholarship Fund

The UP College of Law Scholarship Fund ("UP Law Scholarship Fund") consists of donations from individual UP Law alumni, alumni batches or groups, and other third parties or entities that are expressly intended and dedicated to support all UP Law scholars.



The UP Law Scholarship Fund accepts any amount of donation.

The donations are consolidated to provide scholars with the following types of support:

Tuition Fee Grant

For the tuition and other fees payable at the time of registration, net of discounts applied for under the Student Learning Assistance System, payable to the University of the Philippines



Book Allowance

For the cost of books and academic materials (Php 10,000.00 a semester), payable direct to the scholar by way of check drawn to the name of the scholar



Monthly Allowance

For the scholar's costs for food, lodging, communication and transportation (Php 10,000.00 a month), payable direct to the scholar by way of check drawn to the name of the scholar



Bar Scholarship

For all official payments for the taking of the bar exams, payable to the Supreme Court or such other manner as may be directed by the Office of the Bar Confidant, in addition to a monthly allowance during the entire period of the bar review and the bar month



Application and Selection Process for Scholarship Applicants to the UP Law Scholarship Fund

As a matter of policy, qualification to the UP Law Scholarship Fund shall be based primarily on economic need, and secondarily, on academic merit.

There is economic need when the ability of a student to complete a UP Law education or to focus on academic exercises is threatened by financial difficulty arising from a combination of social, family, geographic, health, employment, and other factors.

Applying students may qualify to be part of one of the three tiers introduced by the College according to various financial factors set by the College with the following benefits:

- Tier 1 - Full waiver of tuition fee, book allowance, and monthly allowance**
- Tier 2 - Full waiver of tuition fee and book allowance**
- Tier 3 - Full waiver of tuition fee**
- Tier 4 - Book and internet allowance**

To apply for the UP College of Law Scholarship Program, students are asked to answer online forms that will be made available to them by the Scholarship Committee within reasonable time from the set deadline. The form shall consist of relevant questions in order to determine the basic and financial information of the applying students and their families.

This shall help the Scholarship Committee determine who are the most economically disadvantaged applicants in order to determine who shall qualify and who shall be placed in each tier.



Tiers are classified primarily based on economic needs, total household income and assets. Secondary considerations include being part of the LGBTQ+ community, Indigenous Peoples, and PWDs. Other considerations shall be given to those who studied in public schools, or those who have provincial permanent address. All factors are supported by evidence.

In the selection of qualified scholars, the Scholarship Committee shall generally observe a points system to avoid recency bias and bias towards those who articulate their concerns better.

- The system for points allocation is based on
- The official poverty statistics report by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA);
 - Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) principles;
 - Pre-pandemic student survey; and
 - Consultations with scholars.

The total accumulated points by the applicant determine the tier of their scholarship grant:

- Tier 1 - Above 23 points (33 max. points)**
- Tier 2 - 19 to 23 points**
- Tier 3 - 14 to 18 points**
- Tier 4 - Less than 14, but with immediate emergency use**

	Points
4k or lower income per member of household	10
4k+1 to 6k income per member of household	5
6k - 10k income per member of household	0
10k+1 - 12k income per member of household	-3
12k+1 - 14k income per member of household	-5
14k+1 - 16k income per member of household	-8
16k+1 or higher income per member of household	-10

Table 1. Points system based on total household income.

	Points
Breadwinner	5
Non-breadwinner but indispensable contributor	3
Not working but among several other dependents	3

Table 2. Points system based on employment.

	Points
Minimal (No aircon)	5
Minimal (1 aircon)	0
PENALTY: Multiple aircons = 2	-1
PENALTY: Multiple aircons = 3	-3
PENALTY: Multiple aircons = 5	-5

Table 3. Points system based on assets.

	Points
No motor vehicle	5
1 old vehicle (2010 or older) for business	3
1 old vehicle (2010 or older)	1
1 motorcycle worth less than PhP 100,000 *	3
PENALTY: Multiple cars = 2	-1
PENALTY: Multiple cars = 3	-3
PENALTY: Multiple cars > 3	-5

Table 4. Points system based on vehicles

	Points
Renting	3
Living with non-immediate relatives only	3
Immediate Family owns house but still paying amortization	2

Table 5. Points system based on house ownership.

	Points
LGBTQIA+	2
Indigenous Peoples	2
With clinical disability	2
Undergraduate from a public university (NCR)	1
Undergraduate from a public university (Provincial)	3
Provincial address	3

Table 6. Points system based on GEDSI principles.

How to donate to the UP Law Scholarship Fund

You can send donations directly to

UPD Trust Fund
Land Bank of the Philippines
 Account Number: 3072-1007-18
 Contact Person: Kristel Mae G. Paruñgao
 Contact Number: 0917 109 1986

Please send screenshots or photos of deposit slip to
alumni_law.upd@up.edu.ph
uplawscholarshipfund.upd@up.edu.ph

If you need further information about the UP Law Scholarship Fund, you may contact the Scholarship Committee at uplawscholarshipfund.upd@up.edu.ph to set a meeting.

All donors to the UP Law Scholarship Fund shall be individually acknowledged in all communications and publications pertaining to the scholarship program. They shall each receive periodic reports on the scholars of the UP Law Scholarship Fund, and be invited from time to time for dialogues pertaining to the scholars and the development and management of the scholarship program and funds.

The UP Law Scholarship Fund shall be open to audit by all donors subject only to reasonable notice.

Ways to **Donate**

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You can establish a Privately Named Scholarship Fund with the UP College of Law

The UP College of Law Privately Named Scholarship Funds are established by individual alumni, alumni batches or groups, and other third parties or entities. The funds are entrusted to the UP College of Law for administration.

To set up a Privately Named Scholarship Fund, you may contact the Scholarship Committee at uplawscholarshipfund.upd@up.edu.ph to set a meeting.

You may institute a Privately Named Scholarship Fund with a minimum donation of a Full Scholarship Grant estimated at Eighty Thousand Pesos (P80,000.00) per scholarship grantee per semester.

As a donor with a Privately Named Scholarship Fund, you would be entitled to exercise the following privileges:



Name your scholarship

Donors with Privately Named Scholarship Funds may choose a name for their scholarship.



Receive frequent updates from your scholars

Donors with Privately Named Scholarship Funds will regularly receive letters and photos from the recipients of their scholarship grant.

Ways to **Donate**

③

You can directly offer a private scholarship to students

If you have an existing private scholarship program for students, the Scholarship Committee may offer its support in communicating your private scholarship offer to UP Law students.

You may consult with the Scholarship Committee at uplawscholarshipfund.upd@up.edu.ph for the type of assistance you will require to promote your scholarship.





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