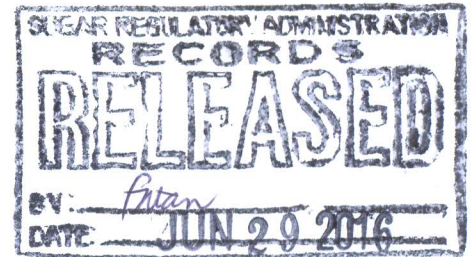




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SUBJECT: Guidelines for the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship Program under RA 10659, or the Sugarcane Industry Development Act (SIDA) of 2015 in partnership with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as the implementing agency

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.b of the Republic Act No. 10659, or the “Sugarcane Industry Development Act (SIDA) of 2015” and SRA Board Resolution No. 2016-132, dated June 21, 2016, the following are the guidelines that shall govern in the implementation of the Undergraduate and Post-Graduate Scholarship Program:

1.0 OBJECTIVES

- Pursuant to Section 6 of the Act, which states that “all stakeholders in the sugarcane industry shall contribute to the development of a sustainable human resource for the industry,” the objectives of the program are the following:
 - a. To enable the underprivileged but deserving children and dependents of sugarcane industry workers and small sugarcane farmers to avail of college and post-graduate scholarship grants; and
 - b. To encourage career in the field of agriculture, agricultural engineering and mechanics, and chemical engineering and sugar technology as identified in Sec.6.b of R.A. 10659.

2.0 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Sugarcane Industry Worker – workers employed in sugarcane farms, sugar mills, sugar refineries, bagasse-based power plants and bioethanol fuel distilleries using sugarcane, sugar from sugarcane, sugarcane juice or syrup, bagasse and sugarcane molasses as feedstocks.

Dependent – includes a) the legitimate, legitimated, illegitimate and/or legally adopted children of sugarcane industry workers and small sugarcane farmers. b) relative of the sugarcane industry workers and small sugarcane farmers up to third (3rd) degree of consanguinity or affinity who are living with them at least five (5) years prior to application.



3.0 COVERAGE

The Program covers:

a. Educational Courses:

Undergraduate and graduate degree programs in agriculture, agricultural engineering and mechanics, chemical engineering and sugar technology, and similar or equivalent degrees as provided for under the aforesaid Act. These courses include the major fields of, but not limited to the following:

COURSES	MAJOR FIELDS
BS in Agriculture	Plant Breeding Plant and Crop Physiology Plant Pathology Entomology Soil and Agricultural Chemistry Agricultural Engineering Extension Education
BS in Engineering	Chemical Engineering Mechanical Engineering Agricultural Engineering
BS in Statistics	Agricultural Statistics
BS in Biology	Molecular Biology
BS in Community Development	

b. Beneficiaries:

The program is open to children and dependents of sugarcane industry workers and small sugarcane farmers, whose combined annual gross income of the parents or guardians does not exceed PHP 300,000.00 for the undergraduate and PHP 500,000.00 for the graduate programs.

c. Schools/State Universities and Colleges:

Scholar/s shall only enroll in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) as identified and recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA).

