

GBF TEACHSTEM COLLEGE DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

RATIONALE

The Gokongwei Brothers Foundation (GBF) has dedicated itself to contributing to the country's progress by providing underprivileged but deserving students with access to education, especially in the fields of *Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)*. International studies like the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) reflect Philippine performance in math and science to be at the bottom among other countries¹ and that a 4.4 year learning gap in higher education exists between the Philippines and the highest performing educational systems.² GBF seeks to strengthen educators' professional development, create content, and scale access to quality education. One of the ways that GBF aims to reach its ambition of benefiting **10,000 educators** and **1,000,000 learners** by **2025** is through the **TeachSTEM Scholarship Program**.

PROGRAM DESIGN

Recognizing the significant role of educators in building the future of our next generation, the **TeachSTEM College Degree Scholarship Program** was established to develop and strengthen quality STEM education and create a STEM-oriented culture among Filipinos. It supports incoming and current college students taking a bachelor's degree in Education majoring in Science, Technology or Mathematics.

To date, GBF supports a total of **73 college** students completing a degree in Education specializing in the fields of Science, Technology, and Mathematics who are expected to teach full-time in any public school in the Philippines upon graduation.

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2018
established



PhP 65,000 (Public)
PhP 85,000 (Private)
Scholarship Grant/Year



Scholar Development
Programs



73
current scholars

TEI PARTNERS

Recognizing that the work cannot be done alone, GBF partners with **Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs)** that have proven to be centers of excellence. Applicants to both programs undergo a rigorous screening process and retain their scholarship by maintaining excellent academic performance. To date, we have a total of **36 partner TEIs** across the Philippines, 14 of which are partners for the college level.



Data as of April 18, 2022

¹ OECD PISA 2018: Insights and Interpretations. 2019.

² Highlights of the PIDS study commissioned by DOST-SEI re: future STEM requirements of the Philippines. Sept2020.

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SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND RETURN SERVICE

Upon admission to the scholarship program, the scholar will be provided with a fixed financial grant of fixed financial grant of **Php 65,000** for those enrolled in public TEIs and **Php 85,000.00** for those enrolled in private TEIs per academic year for a maximum of four (4) years or until the completion of the program. They also enjoy **scholar development programs** such as mentoring and professional development opportunities. Upon finishing his/her college degree, the scholar must be an educator in the Philippines for a period equivalent to duration of his/her scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Any bonafide student who has undergone and passed the Partner TEI's admission process may apply to the Scholarship Program provided that the applicant meets the following minimum requirements:

- An incoming or continuing college student taking Bachelor's Degree in Education specializing in Science, Technology, or Mathematics in any of GBF's partner Teacher Education Institution
- Has a general weighted average (GWA) of at least eighty-five percent (85%) or equivalent
- Has no failed, dropped, or incomplete grade from the previous academic year
- Must be accepted without condition or is a current regular student
- Must enroll minimum academic load prescribed by the university and is projected to complete program within the prescribed period
- Preferably not a recipient of a scholarship from other institutions or persons
- Must be in good health
- Is of good moral character
- Requires financial support for studies

DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

- Proof of enrollment or admission
- Transcript of records or true copy of grades
- Certificate of good moral character
- Letter of consent from legal guardian (for applicants under 18)
- Proof of household income (three most recent pay slips, income tax return, tax exemption, certificate of indigency, or certificate of low income)
- Colored ID photo with white background
- Philosophy of Teaching Essay
- 2 Recommendations
- Medical certificate (to be submitted after passing Essay Test)

APPLICATION SUBMISSION



Online-only application through
<https://bit.ly/gbfteachstemcollege2022>

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