PROGRAM PROFILE

Agency Budget Proposal FY 2027

Agency: DOST-Philippine Science High School System
Program: Enhancement of Scholarship Stipend and Support Benefits for PSHS Scholars
Allotment Class: Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (Scholarship Expense)
Implementation Period: January - December 2026

Budgetary Requirement: ₱ 873,297,000.00

Program Overview:

The Philippine Science High School System, under the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), provides scholarship grants to academically gifted Filipino students through a tiered system based on the socio-economic status of their families. This approach ensures equitable access to quality Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education while directing greater support to those with the most financial need.

For more than a decade, the DOST-PSHS scholarship program has maintained the following stipend structure:

- Full Scholarship – ₱4,000 monthly stipend
- Partial Scholarship 1 – ₱3,500 monthly stipend
- Partial Scholarship 2 – ₱2,500 monthly stipend
- Partial Scholarship 3 – ₱500 monthly stipend

While this structure has provided consistent financial assistance, the sustained rise in the cost of living and inflation has significantly eroded the real value of these stipends. As a result, the current levels of support are no longer sufficient to fully address the financial requirements of scholars, particularly those from low- and middle-income households.

In response, this proposal seeks to enhance the stipend rates of PSHS scholars to ensure that financial assistance remains adequate, relevant, and responsive to prevailing economic conditions. A key feature of the proposal is the increase in the monthly stipend of full scholars from ₱4,000 to ₱8,000, effectively doubling the current rate to restore its intended value and impact.

Scholarship Category	Since FY 2014	FY 2026	FY 2027	
	Stipend	Stipend	Scholarship Category (Proposed)	Stipend (Proposed)
Full	₱4,000	₱8,000	Full	₱8,000
Partial 1	₱3,500	₱3,500	Partial	₱4,000
Partial 2	₱2,500	₱2,500		
Partial 3	₱500	₱500		

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, the PSHS Board of Trustees (BOT) has expressed its full support for the enhancement of scholarship benefits and has approved, through policy issuance, the proposed increase in stipend rates—particularly the doubling of the full scholarship stipend to ₱8,000 per month—subject to the availability of funds under the Congress-Introduced Changes and Amendments (CICA).

For FY 2027, the PSHS System proposes to sustain the ₱8,000 monthly stipend for full scholars and streamline the existing partial scholarship categories into a single tier. This consolidated partial scholarship is proposed to carry a standardized monthly stipend of ₱4,000, promoting a more efficient and equitable scholarship framework similar to DOST-Science Education Institute Scholarship Program.

In addition, the proposal includes the augmentation of student support benefits that go beyond direct financial assistance. These enhancements will focus on strengthening student welfare, improving academic competitiveness, supporting student-led projects and graduation.

Program Objective:

General Objective

To enhance and sustain the Philippine Science High School (PSHS) scholarship program by increasing financial assistance and strengthening student support mechanisms, thereby ensuring equitable access, improved student welfare, and sustained academic excellence among scholars.

Specific Objectives

1. Enhance Adequacy of Financial Support
   To increase scholarship stipend levels and standardize benefits in order to restore their real value and ensure responsiveness to current economic conditions, including inflation and rising cost of living.

2. Promote Equity and Accessibility
   To provide a more inclusive and streamlined scholarship structure that prioritizes support for financially disadvantaged yet academically qualified students across all PSHS campuses.

3. Strengthen Holistic Student Development
   To expand access to academic, research, and co-curricular support (e.g., research funding, competitions, immersion programs) that will enhance student competencies beyond classroom learning.

4. Improve Student Welfare and Retention
   To reduce financial-related barriers that may affect student performance, well-being, and continuity in the program, thereby improving retention and completion rates.

5. Support Academic Excellence and Competitiveness
   To enable scholars to fully engage in advanced STEM learning, research, and innovation activities, leading to improved academic outcomes and increased participation in national and international platforms.

6. Modernize Scholarship Delivery and Efficiency
   To streamline scholarship categories and benefits administration for more efficient, transparent, and equitable program implementation across the PSHS System.

Expected Outputs:

1. Provision of Enhanced Scholarship Benefits
   - 100% of enrolled PSHS scholars receive updated stipend rates (₱8,000 for full scholars; ₱4,000 for partial scholars)
   - Timely monthly disbursement of stipends (at least 95% released on schedule)

2. Expanded Student Support Services
   - 100% of scholars provided with core benefits (book allowance, insurance, uniforms, etc.)
   - At least 90% of eligible scholars receive support for academic competitions, research, and immersion programs

3. Strengthened Research and Academic Support
   - At least 40 student research projects funded per campus annually
   - Increased participation of scholars in science fairs, competitions, and innovation programs

4. Improved Access to Learning Resources
   - 100% of incoming Grade 7 full scholars provided with instructional supplies (e.g., laptops, calculators, connectivity support)
   - Increased utilization of academic and digital learning resources across campuses

Program Beneficiaries:

No. of Scholars Supported SY 2027-2028

Scholarship per Grade Level	*SY 2027-2028*																				
	Grade 7			Grade 8			Grade 9			Grade 10			Grade 11			Grade 12			Grand Total		
Campus	Full	Partial	Total	Full	Partial	Total	Full	Partial	Total	Full	Partial	Total	Full	Partial	Total	Full	Partial	Total	Full	Partial	Total
01_IRC	26	94	120	22	98	120	25	95	120	28	84	112	31	81	112	10	101	111	142	553	695
02_CVC	27	93	120	14	106	120	17	103	120	10	108	118	19	98	117	17	99	116	104	607	711
03_CARC	16	74	90	9	81	90	6	84	90	4	81	85	5	80	85	15	69	84	55	469	524
04_CLC	14	106	120	9	111	120	8	112	120	6	110	116	13	103	116	18	97	115	68	639	707
05_MC	10	230	240	5	235	240	1	239	240	2	225	227	4	223	227	5	221	226	27	1373	1400
06_CALABARZONRC	12	108	120	4	116	120	10	110	120	10	106	116	5	110	115	8	106	114	49	656	705
07_MRC	90	0	90	60	0	60	60	0	60	45	0	45	40	0	40	40	0	40	335	0	335
08_BRC	15	105	120	16	104	120	16	104	120	18	101	119	12	105	117	10	77	87	87	596	683
09_WVC	13	107	120	10	110	120	23	97	120	18	98	116	14	101	115	18	96	114	96	609	705
10_CVisC	10	110	120	4	116	120	10	110	120	11	107	118	13	105	118	13	74	87	61	622	683
11_EVC	19	71	90	25	65	90	15	75	90	22	63	85	22	62	84	27	56	83	130	392	522
12_ZRC	15	75	90	9	81	90	14	76	90	14	71	85	23	61	84	26	58	84	101	422	523
13_CMC	37	83	120	31	89	120	30	90	120	30	89	119	27	91	118	27	90	117	182	532	714
14_SMC	7	113	120	12	108	120	14	106	120	16	101	117	10	106	116	18	97	115	77	631	708
15_SRC	48	72	120	25	95	120	24	96	120	61	56	117	51	66	117	51	65	116	260	450	710
16_CRC	20	100	120	14	106	120	14	106	120	14	100	114	16	97	113	29	84	113	107	593	700
17_NIR	120		120																120		120
Grand Total	499	1541	2040	269	1621	1890	287	1603	1890	309	1500	1809	305	1489	1794	332	1390	1722	2001	9144	11145

BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS:

SCHOLARSHIP EXPENSES	VARIABLES	AMOUNT
BENEFITS FOR ALL SCHOLARS		
Stipend Allowance	Category based	525,840,000.00
Insurance	200 per scholar (Group Insurance coverage)	2,229,000.00
School Organ	Php 300.00 per scholar	3,343,500.00
Awards, Etc.	500 per scholar	5,572,500.00
Educational & Cultural Activities	3000	33,435,000.00
Research Allowance	10k per research (40 researches per campus)	6,400,000.00
Science Immersion Program	**Category based (Incoming Grade 11)**	15,120,000.00
Book Allowance	Php 5,000.00	55,725,000.00
Others (Attendance to Competitions, Others)	15k per scholar	167,175,000.00
BENEFITS FOR FULL SCHOLARS		
Uniform Allowance	Php 4,000.00 (full scholars)	8,004,000.00
Transportation Allowance	one round trip cost of travel (10,000, full scholars)	20,010,000.00
Instructional Supplies	laptop for grade 7 full scholars 49k and Calculator 1.5K, plus 10k (ad tech kits, lockers), connectivity (PhP1,000)	30,442,500.00
Graduation Allowance	PhP 1,000	2,001,000.00
GRAND TOTAL		**873,296,500.00**

Program Impact:

The proposed enhancement of the Philippine Science High School (PSHS) scholarship program is expected to yield substantial and far-reaching impacts on student welfare, academic performance, and the overall effectiveness of the country's premier STEM education system.

In the immediate term, the increase in stipend levels—particularly the doubling of the full scholarship allowance and rationalization of partial scholarships—will significantly improve the financial capacity of scholars and their families. This will reduce economic barriers to participation, enable students to focus more fully on their academic and research responsibilities, and lessen the need for external financial support. Enhanced benefits such as book allowances, research support, and participation in academic competitions will further strengthen the learning experience and promote holistic student development.

In the medium term, the program will contribute to improved student outcomes, including higher academic achievement, increased participation in research and innovation activities, and stronger representation in national and international competitions. By ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder student potential, the program supports a more equitable and merit-based system where scholars can fully maximize the opportunities provided by the PSHS System.

Over the long term, the strengthened scholarship program will play a critical role in sustaining a robust pipeline of highly skilled Filipino scientists, engineers, and professionals who are equipped to contribute to national development. By investing in student welfare and academic excellence, the program reinforces the PSHS System's mandate to nurture future leaders in science and technology who can address complex national challenges and drive innovation in key sectors.

Furthermore, the program advances inclusive and equitable access to quality STEM education across regions, ensuring that deserving students—regardless of socio-economic background—are supported throughout their academic journey. This contributes to broader national goals of human capital development, social mobility, and the strengthening of the country's science and technology ecosystem.

List of Locations:

PSHS System - Office of the Executive Director (Central Office)
Quezon City, Metro Manila

PSHS - Main Campus in Diliman, Quezon City
Quezon City, Metro Manila

PSHS - Ilocos Region Campus in Ilocos Sur
San Ildefonso, Ilocos Sur

PSHS - Cagayan Valley Campus in Nueva Vizcaya
Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya

PSHS - Cordillera Administrative Region Campus in Baguio City
Baguio City, Benguet

PSHS - Central Luzon Campus in Clark Freeport Zone
Clark Freeport City, Pampanga

PSHS - CALABARZON Region Campus in Batangas City
Batangas City, Batangas

PSHS - MIMAROPA Region Campus in Romblon
Odiongan, Romblon

PSHS - Bicol Region Campus in Camarines Sur
Goa, Camarines Sur

PSHS - Western Visayas Campus in Iloilo City
Jaro, Iloilo City

PSHS - Central Visayas Campus in Cebu
Argao, Cebu

PSHS - Eastern Visayas Campus in Leyte
Palo, Leyte

PSHS - Zamboanga Peninsula Region Campus in Dipolog City
Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte

PSHS - Northern Mindanao Campus in Lanao del Norte
Balo-i, Lanao del Norte

PSHS - Davao Region Campus in Davao City
Davao City, Davao del Sur

PSHS - SOCCSKSARGEN Region Campus in Koronadal City
Koronadal City, South Cotabato

PSHS - Caraga Region Campus in Butuan City
Butuan City, Agusan del Norte

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SCHOLARSHIP PER GRADE LEVEL SY 2027-2028

Summary of Scholars Per Old Categorization

CAMPUS	Full	Partial-1	Partial-2	Partial-3	Total
01_IRC	142	94	145	314	695
02_CVC	104	117	99	391	711
03_CARC	55	77	114	278	524
04_CLC	68	85	108	446	707
05_MC	27	34	38	1301	1400
06_CALABARZO	49	59	82	515	705
07_MRC	335	0	0	0	335
08_BRC	87	88	137	371	683
09_WVC	96	82	109	418	705
10_CVisC	61	87	118	417	683
11_EVC	130	85	80	227	522
12_ZRC	101	105	120	197	523
13_CMC	182	109	126	297	714
14_SMC	77	107	97	427	708
15_SRC	260	90	83	277	710
16_CRC	107	106	96	391	700
17_NIR	120				120
Grand Total	**2001**	**1325**	**1552**	**6267**	**11145**

Proposed Categorization FY 2027

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Proposed	Full	Partial	Months
	8	4	10
CAMPUS	**Full**	**Partial**	**Total**
01_IRC	11,360	22,120	33,480
02_CVC	8,320	24,280	32,600
03_CARC	4,400	18,760	23,160
04_CLC	5,440	25,560	31,000
05_MC	2,160	54,920	57,080
06_CALABARZONRC	3,920	26,240	30,160
07_MRC	26,800	-	26,800
08_BRC	6,960	23,840	30,800
09_WVC	7,680	24,360	32,040
10_CVisC	4,880	24,880	29,760
11_EVC	10,400	15,680	26,080
12_ZRC	8,080	16,880	24,960
13_CMC	14,560	21,280	35,840
14_SMC	6,160	25,240	31,400
15_SRC	20,800	18,000	38,800
16_CRC	8,560	23,720	32,280
17_NIR	9,600	-	9,600
Grand Total	**160,080**	**365,760**	**525,840**

BREAKDOWN OF PROPOSED SCHOLARSHIP EXPENSE FY 2027

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