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**PASSERELLES NUMERIQUES PHILIPPINES FOUNDATION, INC. (PNPh)
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SCHOLAR SELECTION PROCESS
FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026 TO THE GRADUATING
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Attached is a communication letter from the Selection Process and Social Services Manager and Country Representative of Passerelles Numeriques Philippines Foundation, Inc. (PNPh), Ms. Irish May T. Bulan and Ms. Marilou C. Flores, requesting to conduct the Selection Process for potential Information Technology (IT) Scholars for Academic Year 2025-2026, from the graduating Senior High School students in the different schools in the region, especially those from the last-mile schools, in October 2024 – March 2025.

Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-disruption-of-classes policy* stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

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Considering that this is an Advisory, Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this matter.

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September 24, 2024

EVELYN R. FETALVERO
Director VIII
Regional Director
Office of the Regional Director
Department of Education



Dear Ma'am Evelyn,

Greetings of Peace!

Passerelles Numeriques Philippines Foundation Inc., (PNPh) is a non-government organization catering Information Technology (IT) scholarships to underprivileged students from the poorest regions in the country and reached greater Northern Mindanao. Last August 11, 2024 we welcomed 70 more students to our organization making our total enrolled students reach 230. All of them are motivated to finish their studies at the partner academic institution of PNPh, with the hope of attaining a promising future after graduation.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for accommodating us in the Selection Process for AY 2024-2025. We selected four students from Region VIII from the provinces of **Western Samar (1), and Southern Leyte (3)**. Currently, the students are enrolled at the University of San Jose Recolletos and live in our center at The Bird Building, Lot 19, Block 2, New Era Street, Barrio Luz, Cebu City. 53% of our total student population comes from this region also.

Furthermore, as we go through another phase of the Selection Process for the next batch of scholars for the next Academic Year 2025-2026, we hope you will again help us support underprivileged SHS graduates to access qualified jobs and hopefully end the vicious cycle of poverty. In addition, we intend to expand Inclusion and access to training for differently abled individuals, indigenous peoples, youth-at-war, and non-binary students to have equal access to education through the digital training provided by PN.

In this period, PNPh is starting again its search for underprivileged but deserving students who could become our students for our 2.5 year IT Training. The qualifications to apply are indicated below;

- 17-22 years old (in December 2025);



- Incoming Grade 12 graduates in 2025 and those who graduated from previous years but have never been to college;
- Interested and motivated to study Information Technology;
- Underprivileged student- parents do not have sustainable means to send the student to college (parents are not OFW, hold positions in any government offices, parents earn a high monthly salary).

In addition, no specific SHS track/strand is required as long as the student qualifies in our criteria and passed the Selection Process, however, we highly encourage the TVL-ICT students to apply. Interested applicants will undergo the following Selection Process;

Information Session (IS) 1.5 hours- We explain to the students who we are, what we do, the scholarship program, center life, and the academic training. We also distribute the application form and exam sample questions during the IS. The IS will be a hybrid setup. (October-December)

Exam, 2.5 hours- We assess the capacity of the student if they can follow the intensive IT Training Program through the exam. The exam is automated and covers Math, Computational Thinking Test, and English. The exam result is announced right after the exam. (December-March)

Motivation Interview (MI) 30-45 min.- The student who passed the exam will proceed to the MI. We will assess if the student has the right motivation, especially the interest and motivation to study information technology as a PN Student. (December-March)

Home Visit (HV)- We will visit the family of the student if they pass the MI. This is to validate that the student is underprivileged and the parents do not have a sustainable option to send the student to college. (April-May)

Contract Signing- The selected student and the parents will sign a 2.5 years Scholarship Contract with Passerelles numeriques. (June)

If the student is selected Passerelles Numeriques will provide the following;

- Tuition Fee
- School projects and limited school supplies
- Boarding and living expenses (including food)



- Medical assistance in case of medical emergencies (excluding pre-existing medical conditions and maintenance medicines taken before admission to the program)

On the other hand, parents shoulder the following counterpart costs;

- Php 500 for additional food allowance;
- Shoes;
- Uniform;
- Shoes;
- Personal allowance (for soap, shampoo etc.)
- Transportation cost in going to the university (vice versa)
- Transportation cost during going home;
- Medical expenses if the student gets sick;

In line with this, I would like to ask your permission for PNPh to conduct the Selection Process of students in the different schools in Region VIII, especially in last-mile schools.

For more information and clarification about this program, you may reach us through irish.bulan@passerellesnumeriques.org, mobile phone: 0922 990 3249 and 0936 959 3594, jilianne.monteclaro@passerellesnumeriques.org, mobile phone: 0920 215 0885. You can also visit our website at passerellesnumeriques.org and our FB page Passerelles Numeriques Philippines for more information about the program.

Thank you very much for all the help! We are looking forward to working with you!

Sincerely,


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