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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3458**, S-2025

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MANUEL L. QUEZON FILIPINO LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN QUEZON CITY THEREBY AMENDING QUEZON CITY ORDINANCE NO. SP-3283, S-2024, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SCHOLARSHIP CODE OF QUEZON CITY"

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WHEREAS, with the aim of promoting national thought and expression, former President Manuel L. Quezon issued Executive Order No. 134 on December 13, 1937 that proclaimed "Tagalog" as the basis of the national language of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, President Quezon, regarded as the "Ama ng Wikang Filipino" upholds the significance of having a national language in fostering unity and development of the Philippine nation;



WHEREAS, Section 6, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, adopts Filipino as the national language of the Philippines that shall be further developed and enriched on the basis of existing Philippine and other languages;

WHEREAS, Section 2(3), Article XIV of the same Constitution mandates the establishment of a system of scholarship grants, student loan programs, subsidies, and other incentives which shall be available to deserving students in both public and private schools, especially to the underprivileged;

WHEREAS, Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3283, S-2024, otherwise known as "The Expanded Scholarship Code of Quezon City, provides for scholarship grants for qualified senior high school, tertiary students, post-graduate, and continuing education/vocational studies;

WHEREAS, Quezon City strengthens its commitment towards accessible education opportunities and honors one of the landmark policies under the leadership of former President Manuel L. Quezon;

WHEREAS, providing opportunities for the study of Filipino language and literature will promote a deeper understanding and development of the Filipino language for the growth of our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as the "Manuel L. Quezon Filipino Language and Literature Scholarship Program Ordinance."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – The Quezon City Government recognizes the vital role of Filipino as the national language in promoting national thought and expression that drives the growth of our nation. In pursuit thereof, it shall establish a scholarship program that promotes the study, critical engagement, creative exploration, and enrichment of the Filipino language, in honor of Manuel L. Quezon, former Philippine President and the father of the national language.



SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES. – This Ordinance aims to:

- a. Promote academic excellence in the study and use of the Filipino language;
- b. Encourage creative writing and literary production in Filipino;
- c. Support scholarly research in Filipino linguistics, literature, and translation;
- d. Strengthen national identity through the cultivation of Filipino language and literature; and
- e. Provide opportunities for marginalized and underrepresented communities to access Filipino-language education and literary expression.

SECTION 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MANUEL L. QUEZON FILIPINO LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. – There is hereby established the Manuel L. Quezon Filipino Language Scholarship Program to be included under Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3283, S-2024, otherwise known as “The Expanded Scholarship Code of Quezon City.” The Program shall provide financial assistance to qualified students, educators, and researchers pursuing studies related to the Filipino language and literature.

Section 5 of The Expanded Scholarship Code of Quezon City is hereby amended to include additional subsection (e) and to read as follows:

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- e) **Manuel L. Quezon Filipino Language Scholarship Program** – open to qualified students, educators, and researchers pursuing studies related to the Filipino language and literature. It shall have the following categories:

- (1) Undergraduate scholarship – open to undergraduate enrollees in Filipino Language, Literature, Journalism, Philippine Studies, or Education programs with a Filipino major;




- (2) *Post-graduate fellowship – for post-graduate students pursuing Filipino Language, Philippine Studies, Philippine Literature, Comparative Literature, or Linguistics with a Filipino focus; and*
- (3) *Creative Writing and Literary Grant – for young writers and established authors producing original works in Filipino, such as, but not limited to, poetry, fiction, essay, and drama.”*

SECTION 5. QUALIFICATIONS AND AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS. – Section 6 of The Expanded Scholarship Code of Quezon City is hereby amended to read as follows:

Manuel L. Quezon Filipino Language Scholarship Program

Subcategory	Qualifications	Tuition fee grant per school year	Stipend per school year	Total scholarship grant per school year
1) Undergraduate scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must show proof of acceptance to Filipino Language, Literature, Journalism, Philippine Studies, or Education programs with a Filipino major; - Must pass the aptitude and other tests administered by the QCYDO. 	Tertiary (Private): Php110,000.00	Tertiary (Private): Php50,000.00 Tertiary (Public): Php50,000.00	Tertiary (Private): Php160,000.00 Tertiary (Public): Php50,000.00



<p>2) Post-graduate fellowship</p>	<p>- Must show proof of acceptance to Filipino Language, Philippine Studies, Philippine Literature, Comparative Literature, or Linguistics with a Filipino focus;</p> <p>- Must have a research proposal aligned with the promotion of Filipino language and literature.</p>	<p>Private or Public: Php55,000.00</p>	<p>Private or Public: Php50,000.00</p>	<p>Private or Public: Php105,000.00</p>
<p>3) Creative Writing and Literary Grant</p>	<p>- Must have writing portfolios, project proposals, and/or sample works in Filipino.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Stipend: Php10,000.00</p> <p>Publication assistance: Php30,000.00</p>	<p>Php40,000.00</p> 

SECTION 6. DISSEMINATION. – The Quezon City Youth Development Office (QCYDO) and Public Affairs and Information Services Department (PAISD) shall widely disseminate and promote the Manuel L. Quezon Filipino Language Scholarship Program.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The Scholarship Screening Committee and QCYDO shall issue the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations within 60 days from the approval of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION. – An annual budget shall be allocated under the Scholarship Fund for the annual implementation of this Ordinance.

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SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any part or Section of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional for any reason whatsoever, such declaration shall not in any way affect the other parts or Sections of this Ordinance.


SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules, regulations, and other administrative issuances, or the provisions thereof, which are contrary to or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


ENACTED: September 24, 2025.

CERTIFICATION


This is to certify that this Ordinance was ENACTED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 24, 2025 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on October 1, 2025.


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City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED: OCT 24 2025


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City Mayor

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City Government Department Head III
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