

## Application Procedures

1. Secure application from DA Regional/ Provincial Offices or CHEDROs or implementing Higher Education Institution (HEIs) using the ACEF- GIAHEP Application Form;
2. Accomplish application and submit together with the required documents to any of the above-stated agencies/ institutions;
3. Submit the applications to DA;
4. DA evaluates and approves application and recommends the masterlist to CHED the qualified grantees for funding;
5. CHEDRO issues Notice of Award (NOA); and
6. Applicant accepts or waives the NOA.

## For Summer Classes

1. ACEF-GIAHEP grantees who will apply for summer class benefits should notify in writing the CHEDRO with copy of approved curriculum or program of study on the first month of the semester/term which precedes the summer class schedule; and
2. CHEDRO evaluates and recommends to the Office of Student Development and Services (OSDS) the masterlist of qualified grantees for funding.

## For Thesis/Project Grant or Practicum/ On-the-Job (OJT)

1. ACEF-GIAHEP grantees notifies in writing the CHEDRO with copy of approved curriculum or program of study on the first month of the semester/term/summer which precedes the semester/term/summer where the thesis, project or practicum/OJT will be enrolled; and
2. CHEDRO evaluates and recommends to OSDS, CHED the masterlist of qualified grantees for funding.



**For Inquiries**



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
**Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund**

**GRANTS-IN-AID FOR HIGHER  
EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**GIAHEP**



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**ACEF**

# What is ACEF-GIAHEP?

## RA No. 10848 is also known as ACEF Extension Law

**Republic Act No. 10848** An Act Further Extending the Period of Implementation of the Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (ACEF), Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 8178, As Amended by Republic Act No.9496

The Fund is derived from the proceeds of the in-quota Minimum Access Volume (MAV) Importations, from Loan Repayments including interest, as wells as from Sugar Conversion Fees (EO 87, 1999).

A joint Memorandum Circular No. 2017-7 dated December 5, 2017 has been approved between the Commission on Higher Education and the Department of Agriculture regarding the Implementing Guidelines of the Agricultural Enhancement Fund – Grants-In-Aid for Higher Education Program (ACEF-GIAHEP) and the implementing Rules & Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 10848.

## Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund - Grants-In-Aid for Higher Education Program or (ACEF-GIAHEP).

Per RA 10848, ten percent (10%) of the ACEF Fund will be used for the funding of a comprehensive and attractive grants-in-aid program for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, veterinary medicine education and related agricultural education programs, to be implemented by CHED.

Target grantees are deserving college students as identified by the Department of Agriculture.

It aims to contribute to the development of agriculture and fisheries by increasing the number of graduates in higher education who are trained in the scientific habit of thought, entrepreneurial skills and technical competencies in the areas of agriculture, forestry, fisheries, veterinary medicine education and related agricultural education programs.

ACEF-GIAHEP shall be implemented jointly by the Department of Agriculture (DA) and Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

# Benefits of Grantees

Particulars	Unit Cost (PHP)	Total Cost/Year (PHP)
1. Tuition and Other School Fees (TOSF)	PHP10,000.00/semester	20,000.00
2. Stipend for regular semesters	PHP2,500.00/mo. x 10mos.	25,000.00
3. Book Allowance	PHP1,000.00/semester	2,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>47,000.00</b>

Particulars	Unit Cost (PHP)
a. Summer Classes	
1. Tuition and Other School Fees (TOSF)	PHP 3,500.00
2. Stipend	PHP2,500.00/mo. x 2mos. = PHP5,000.00 (as required in the curriculum)
b. Thesis/Project Grant (one time grant)	PHP15,000.00 for the whole course (as required in the curriculum)
c. Practicum/On-the-job Training (OJT) Allowance (one time grant)	PHP3,000.00 (for the entire duration of OJT)

# Documentary Requirements

## Proof of Income - any one of the following:

1. Latest Income Tax Return (ITR) of parents/guardians if employed.
2. Certificate of Tax Exemption from the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).
3. Certificate of No Income from BIR.
4. Certificate of Indigency from Barangay of relevant.
5. Certificate/Case Study from Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).
6. For children of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) and seafarers, a latest copy of contract or proof of income may be considered.

## Academic Requirements

1. Certificate of Registration; and
2. Certificate of Copy of Grades of the previous term.

# Qualification Requirements

## For ACEF-GIAHEP

1. Filipino citizen.
2. Graduating high school students; High school graduates; with earned units in college; or passer of Alternative Learning System / Philippine Educational Placement Test (ALS/PEPT).
3. Will enroll or currently enrolled in recognized programs in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, veterinary medicine education and related agricultural education programs offered by duly authorized Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).
4. Combined annual gross income of parents/guardians not to exceed PHP300,000.00; In exceptional cases, where income exceeds the ACEF ExeCom shall determine the merits of the application.
5. Avail only one government funded financial assistance program.

## For Summer Classes

1. For Graduating Senior High School Students – duly certified copy of grades of 1st Semester.
2. For lifelong learners eligible for college – high school report card.
3. For applicants with Earned Units in College - duly certified copy of grades for the latest semester attended.

## For Other Applicants

1. Alternate Learning System (ALS) - duly certified copy of ALS Accreditation and Equivalency Test Passer Certificate; and
2. PEPT - duly certified copy of PEPT Certificate of Advancing to the Next Level.