

SERIES #04, 2019

FAQS

Rice Competitiveness
Enhancement Fund (RCEF)



Extension Program (TRAINING AND SCHOLARSHIP)



1. What is the role of TESDA in implementing the RCEF?

Under the law, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) will annually receive P700 million for six years, which will be used for “teaching skills on rice crop production, modern rice farming techniques, seed production, farm mechanization, and knowledge/ technology transfer through farm schools nationwide.”

2. How to obtain TESDA Scholarship Grant?

Under Rule 13.24 of the IRR of RA 11203, “TESDA shall also recognize/ accredit the training modules developed under the program for its trainees to be eligible for TESDA Scholarship Grant.”

- Provided, that the percentage allocation be reviewed on the third year of effectivity of this Act for possible revisions should intervention priorities change.
- Provided, further, that preferential attention should be given to rice farmers, cooperatives and associations adversely affected by the rice tariffication or the quantitative import restrictions on rice in accordance with the thrust and priorities of RA No. 8435 (Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act) and the Philippine Development Plan.

3. What are the allocation of TESDA Rice Extension Services Programs (RESP) Fund?

The P700M TESDA RESP fund shall be allocated as follows:

- **Scholarships** - the allocation of scholarship grants shall be based on the following:
 - The 1,010 municipalities in the 57 provinces identified under the Seed Program, shall be the initial basis for program implementation for target beneficiaries. The list shall be revised/

expanded in the course of implementation within the 3-year program review of the RESP;

- Proportionate to the area planted or as deemed necessary based on set of criteria such as but not limited to, level of adoption of certified inbred seeds, distribution of farm machines, yield level, production cost, as well as the current number of Agriculture Extension Workers, learning sites, farm schools, and other qualified providers. This means that the higher the area harvested, the higher the slot allocation.

- **Advocacy**

4. What are the coverage of TESDA's Program on RESP Scholarship Grant?

RESPs funded by scholarship grants shall be TESDA-registered and shall cover the following:

- Modified Farm Field School (FFS) Training Programs developed by Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech), and Agricultural Training Institute (ATI);
- Existing TESDA Training Regulations related to rice production and technologies:
 - Rice Machinery Operations
 - Drying and Milling Services and Maintenance
 - Small Engine Repair and Maintenance
- New and emerging technology programs to be developed by TESDA, PhilMech, and PhilRice, to increase rice productivity (using the value chain) and accelerate mechanized and modern farming in the country;
- The above programs shall be delivered thru Farm Schools in different training modalities, defined in the PSC Guidelines:
 - DA-ATI Accredited Learning Sites related to rice production,
 - Certified Links Farm Sites (LFS) of the Department of Agrarian Reform,
 - TESDA Technology Institutions (TTIs), and

- Other private public and private education and training providers (which may include SUCs, LGUs, industry associations and, other private enterprises)

5. Who are the intended RCEF beneficiaries?

The primary beneficiaries of the Rice Fund are the rice farmers and farmworkers listed in the Registry System for Basic Sector in Agriculture (RSBSA), farmers' cooperatives and associations in target provinces and municipalities, farmers' dependents who are in the RSBSA list, and holders of Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA).

6. What are the schedules of scholarship implementation?

The Schedule of Implementation for beneficiaries identified in Section V of TESDA Circular are as follows:

- Rice Machinery Operations NC II: starting August 2019
- Drying and Milling Plant Servicing NC III: starting September 2019
- Small Engine Servicing (Leading to Small Engine Servicing NC II): starting August 2019
- Modified Farmers Field Schools (FFS): starting October 2019

7. How to avail of TESDA Scholarship Grants?

As a requirement of all scholarship grants, farm schools mentioned above shall register their programs with TESDA in accordance with Omnibus Guidelines on UTPRAS (TESDA Circular No. 07 s. 2017), TESDA Circular No.35 series of 2016, subject to actual inspection of farm-school-applicants by TESDA ROPOs, and submission of the following:

- Letter of Intent/Application,T
- Valid Certificate as DA-ATI certified Learning Sites,
- Certificate of availability of at least 1,000sqm demonstration farm (for seed production), and
- with at least 1,000sqm of demonstration farm for the delivery of the modified FFS training program

4 8. How much does a scholarship cost?

The scholarship cost of the TESDA RESP shall cover the following:

Qualification Title	No. of Training Hours	No. of Training Days	Training Cost (P)	Assessment Fee (P)	Training Support Fund (P)	Entrepreneurship (P)	Per Capita Cost (P)
Rice Machinery Operations NC II	232	29	8,000	500	4,640	800	13,940
Drying and Milling Plant Servicing NC II	256	32	10,000	2,000	5,120	800	17,920
Service/Small engine System (Leading to Small Engine Servicing NC II)	144	18	2,200	350	2,880	800	6,230
Modified Farmers Field School (FFS)	96	12	6,080		1,920		8,000

9. What is the Qualification Map (QM)?

The Qualification Map (QM) shall be prepared by the farm schools/training providers based on slot allocation and approved Schedule of Costs. The QM shall be endorsed by the TESDA Provincial Director and by the Regional Director. QM shall be forwarded to the Scholarship Management Division/Office of the Deputy Director General for TESD Operations for endorsement and approval of the Director General.

10. Do we need to apply for assessment and certification?

Yes. Graduates of the RESP where applicable, shall be subjected to mandatory assessment.

11. What is the distribution scheme of RESP Scholarship Vouchers?

The Provincial Offices shall distribute the RESP Scholarship Grant to the farm schools/training providers after the approval of the QMs.

12. How to contact TESDA?

Farmers, industry stakeholders, and the general public can send in their queries on TESDA's programs on RESP through the following platforms:

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Official Facebook page (piu@tesda.gov.ph)

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