The University of Eastern Pangasinan (UEP) has specific targets to admit and support students who fall into the bottom 20% of household income groups through various financial assistance programs. These programs aim to make education accessible to those most in need, contributing to poverty reduction and social equity.

One such program is the **Tulong Dunong Program (TDP)**, which provides cash assistance to students from low-income families. Under this program, 343 students receive cash assistance of \$\mathbb{P}7,500\$ per semester. Another initiative is the **Tertiary Education Assistance**, where 100 qualified students receive \$\mathbb{P}10,000\$ per semester.

These financial aids are provided on top of the benefits offered by RA 10931, also known as the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education, which ensures free tuition and other school fees for qualified students.

Priority Students for Scholarship:

- Indigent People: Students from low-income households, confirmed by a certificate of indigency.
- Children of Solo Parents: Applicants who are children of single parents, supported by proof of solo parent status.
- Persons with Disabilities (PWDs): Students who are persons with disabilities, verified by PWD IDs.
- Indigenous People: Applicants from indigenous communities, verified by appropriate documentation.



Eldest or First Generation Graduates: Students who are the first in their family to pursue higher education.

Requirements for Enrollment:

- Certificate of Indigency: To confirm low-income status.
- Membership in 4Ps (Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program): As proof of government assistance due to financial need.
- **PWD IDs:** For applicants who are persons with disabilities.
- Evidence of Child of Solo Parents: Documents proving the applicant is raised by a single parent.
- Proofs of Being Part of Indigenous People: Documentation verifying indigenous status.

By implementing these programs and prioritizing these groups, UEP not only supports the educational aspirations of students from the bottom 20% of household income groups but also significantly contributes to Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty). Providing such financial assistance ensures that more students from disadvantaged backgrounds can access higher education, acquire valuable skills, and improve their economic prospects. This comprehensive support system helps break the cycle of poverty and fosters social equity, paving the way for sustainable development and prosperity for all.

This approach aligns with the advocacy of UEP's founder, Governor Ramon "Mon Mon" Guico III, who envisions that "sa bawat pamilya, may isang college graduate" (every family should have a college graduate). By striving to ensure that at least one member of every family achieves higher education, the university supports the broader goal of uplifting entire communities and fostering sustainable development.

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