Background: Please describe your activities, both professionally and as a volunteer, since your graduation from college.

When I graduated in college last 2023, I continued helping my previous organizations – Youth for Environment in Schools Organization (YES-O), and Philippine Society of Medical Technology Students (PHISMETS) as a mentor and volunteer to different activities – mobile blood donation, community outreach, medical missions, clean-up drives, leadership trainings, and tree growing.

At the same time, I was also reviewing for my upcoming boards or licensure examination for medical technologists. Also, I ran for the local election last October 2023 as Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Chairman in our barangay (community). Together with me are my credentials as a student-leader, dedication to serve, and my passion to lead. It was my first time to somehow enter politics and I can say that it was not easy at all especially if you are going against someone who belongs to a political family. I faced a lot of challenges, disappointments, and hardships because I was juggling my time between review for the board exam and local election campaign, but I have learned how to overcome adversities and be resilient after all. I may have lost the election, but I have learned a lot.

When I passed the licensure examination last March 2024, I became active in my professional organization as a member and an organizer to different activities such as medical missions, outreach programs and professional trainings like drug testing, and water sampling and analysis.

Currently, I am part of the teaching faculty of the Medical Technology Department of Notre Dame of Dadiangas University. Aside from teaching my student academically, I also mentor two different student organizations — PHISMETS and College of Health Sciences (CHS). I was warmed by the trust given to me by our university administrators to handle student organizations because I was just hired last June 2024, but I am happy and grateful that I can still do the things I love as a leader, and now, I have given the opportunity to inspire, motivate, impart my learnings from my experiences, and mold more leaders for the betterment of future generations.

Financial: Please describe your financial situation and why you need assistance to attend graduate school. What amount can you or your family contribute towards your schooling? Where will you live during graduate school? Do you plan to work during graduate school? What other sources of support do you have for graduate school?

When I started working, I immediately help with our daily living expenses – food, house amortization, electricity, internet, and water bill, and even the school costs of my two siblings – tuition, allowances, and projects. My father was the only source of income in our family ever since I was a kid, and the separation of my parents brought burden to our family's financial status. I saw how my father struggled working different jobs and sidelines just to sustain our needs especially when two of us studied college together. We were blessed that my sister was chosen as one of your undergraduate scholars because it reduced our expenses. However, the salary of my father which is only amounting to 16,000 pesos per month excluding the monthly government contributions and taxes, is still not enough to cover the costs of the whole family including my younger brother, who is about to enter college. We are still living in debts, and loans because we were born with no generational wealth. Therefore, everything we have and wanted to have comes from our hard work.

I am applying for your graduate scholarship because I cannot sustain the whole course of my studies. As I started my first year – first semester of graduate school, I have realized that I am having a hard time to afford my graduate studies because I have financial obligations to my family. It was not easy because I have to look for another part-time jobs to earn extra money.

I choose to study in the University of Immaculate Conception at Davao City for my graduate studies because they offer a master's degree aligned to my bachelor's, and most especially because they offer a hybrid learning setup, where most of the time, our classes are conducted through online, but there are times when we have to go to the school such as during examinations. With that, I do not really have to look for a place for a long-term stay, which reduces my financial burden, but then, I still have to pay for my fare, short-term stay rent, and food when I go to Davao City, which is a two to three-hour

travel from my hometown, General Santos City. Also, I am still working at the same time because my class for graduate school is only every Saturday and/or Sunday, and my only source of support for graduate school is my salary amounting to 15,000 pesos per month.

If given the chance to be chosen as one of your scholars, the help you extend in covering the costs of my course tuition and other related expenses can help me soar to higher lengths as I will be able to pursue my dreams to finality.

Proposed Course of Study: Explain why you have chosen this graduate program and school. What are your plans for future employment and volunteer work? How will a graduate degree help you to contribute to Philippine development?

I choose to study in the University of Immaculate Conception at Davao City for my graduate studies because they are the nearest school that offers a master's degree aligned to my bachelor's, and most especially because they offer a hybrid learning setup, where most of the time, our classes are conducted through online, but there are times when we have to go to the school such as during examinations.

With that, I do not really have to look for a place for a long-term stay, which reduces my financial burden, but then, I still have to pay for my fare, short-term stay rent, and food when I go to Davao City, which is a two to three-hour travel from my hometown, General Santos City. Also, my class for graduate school is only every Saturday and/or Sunday, which allows me to keep my job since the only source of support for graduate school is my salary amounting to 15,000 pesos per month.

In the future, I can see myself still working in the academe as a professor and a clinical instructor at the same time. This is because I can feel a sense of fulfillment whenever I can see that the students have learned something from me inside the classroom, and inside the clinical laboratory. My job as an educator is not just to teach them lessons coming from the book, but also to inspire, and motivate them to do well in life.

Moreover, I will still continue serving my community through our professional organization. I will keep on organizing community outreach, medical missions, and professional trainings for career growth.

As an educator, I can contribute in Philippine development by training the future generation and I can only become an effective and efficient one if I invested on myself and that is through a graduate degree, which will help me to grow professionally and just by after that, I can give quality education to my students because we cannot give what we do not have. Therefore, we should acquire learnings as much as we could so that we could become someone who is reliable and credible.

Budget:

Present a detailed budget for your graduate studies. The budget must include the following information:

Number of semesters and courses required for the program.



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NO. OF YEARS/ TERMS	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	NO. OF UNITS REQUIRED	PRE- REQUISITE
		YEAR 1		
TERM 1	MSRM 100	Research Methods 1 (Foundation)	3	None
	MSMT 210 '	Advanced Immunohematology and Blood Banking (Major)	3	None
	MSMT 214	Teaching Strategies and Methods for Medical Laboratory Science Education (Cognate)	3	None
		((9)	
TERM 2	MSRM 200	Research Methods 2 (Foundation)	3	None
	MSMT 208	Advanced Clinical Chemistry (Major)	3	None
	MSMT 209	Advanced Analysis of Urine and Body Fluid (Major)	3	None
	*		(9)	
TERM 3	MSMT 207	Advanced Immunology and Serology (Major)	3	None
	MSMT 205	Advanced Microbiology and Parasitology (Major)	3	None
	MSMT 213	Public Health and Epidemiology(Cognate)	3	None
			(9)	
		Comprehensive Exam	0	
		YEAR 2		7.000
TERM 1	EDUC 300A	Thesis Writing I	<u>6</u> (6)	Passed Compre Exam
TERM 2	EDUC 300B	Thesis Writing II	<u>6</u> (6)	Educ 300A
TOTAL				39 UNITS

SUMMARY OF COURSES	UNITS	
Foundation Courses	6	
Major Courses	. 15	
Cognate Courses	6	
Thesis Writing	12	
Total Number	39	

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- A student is required:
 - to pass a comprehensive examination, after completion of course work, prior his/her enrolment in Thesis Writing I.
 - to publish the research in a peer-reviewed academic journal or juried creative work

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Dr. Avee 3 B. Dayaganon Dean, Graduate School

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• Tuition and fees per semester.

Price	1,011.88/unit							
1 ST YEAR								
Term	No. of Units	Tuition	Other Fees	Misc. Fees	Total			
1	9	9,106.92	2,983.19	2,439.21	14,529.32			
2	9	9,106.92	2,983.19	2,439.21	14,529.32			
3	9	9,106.92	2,983.19	2,439.21	14,529.32			
2 ND YEAR								
1	6	6,071.28	2,983.19	2,439.21	11,493.68			
2	6	6,071.28	2,983.19	2,439.21	11,493.68			

• An estimate of other related expenses (thesis expenses, books, supplies, lab fees, field work fees, etc). Please itemize these expenses.

Item	Total				
Comprehensive Exam					
Review Fee	5,000				
Examination Fee	3,120				
Thesis	•				
Laboratory Test	50,000				
500 pesos x 100 respondents					
Fare (300 pesos/one way)	1,800				
Site Visitation = 600 pesos					
Giving of Letters/ Asking for Permits = 600 pesos					
 Conduct of Study = 600 pesos 					
Food (150pesos/each)	16,500				
 Respondents (100 pax) = 15,000 pesos 					
 Medical Personnel (10 pax) = 1,500 pesos 					
Honorarium (1,000/healthcare personnel)	12,000				
 Medical Technologist (10 pax) = 10,000 					
 Nurse (2 pax) = 2,000 					
Sending of Sample to the Testing Facility	5,000				
Handling Fee					

Other sources of financial support for any of these expenses.
 Other information that you think is relevant (particularly if the cost per semester will vary). It is important that your estimates are as accurate as possible. Please consult the college staff as necessary to obtain this information.

Salary = 15,000 pesos/month