

## PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS, INC. SOCSKSARGEN CHAPTER

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## To the PCAFPD Board of Directors,

Greetings!

I am writing to recommend my former student and a fellow colleague – <u>Ms. Zia Naungayan Sagoso</u> for your **graduate scholarship**. I have known her ever since she was in college and I have witnessed her leadership all throughout the years. During her first year, she became their class representative and later on became the president of our medical technology student's organization.

On her last year in college, she initiated her legacy project the Mobile Blood Donation, which started last 2022 and happens three times a year. It aims to wipe off the scarcity of blood and ensure the availability of safe and quality blood and other components, round the clock and throughout the year. This project will lead to alleviation of human sufferings, even to the far-flung remote areas in the city and neighboring municipalities.

This is still a continuing project with more than two hundred (200) donors per blood donation activity and collects almost one thousand (1,000) blood bags per year, which is a big help to her community. She proposed this project because she was able to observe that there is an existing problem with the availability of blood units. Every time there is a shortage of blood supply, a person's life is at risk and if the problem continues, it would affect a lot of lives.

With that, she started with an educational campaign on school about blood donation and thankfully, the project became a success not just because a lot of blood units were collected, but also because little by little, people became more educated that blood donation do not just benefit us, but more especially our community.

Moreover, she is an active member and part of the technical committee of our professional organization – Philippine Association of Medical Technologists, Inc. (PAMET) – SOCSKSARGEN Chapter. She helps in organizing outreach programs, medical missions, and professional trainings.

With these, I wholeheartedly vouch for Zia's experience in, and commitment to, community service and her leadership potential, a deserving recipient of your scholarship.

Respectfully yours,

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