

## Scholarship Recommendation Form

Instructions: Thank you for being a recommender for the PCAFPD scholarship. Recommendations are used as part of the selection process. Please type your information below and provide a digital copy to the applicant for submission. Hand written responses will not be accepted.

### Recommender Information

Name: **Trixia Jayne A. Baculfo**

Relationship to applicant: **student**

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Applicant Information: Use additional pages as needed

Name: Daniel Joseph P. Carbonilla

Current School: Visayas State University – Baybay Campus

### Recommendation

I am writing with great enthusiasm to endorse **Daniel Joseph P. Carbonilla** for the **PCAFPD Undergraduate Scholarship 2026**. Over the past two years, I have had the distinct pleasure of teaching and mentoring Daniel as a full-time Senior High School (SHS) teacher at The College of Maasin (TCM). Without hesitation, I can say he is one of the most **driven, capable, and inspiring** students I have ever encountered.

Daniel is well known at TCM for being a consistent honor student, a responsible student leader, and a dynamic participant in both campus-based and inter-school competitions since Grade 7. He is present at nearly every school event—to the point where many wonder if he ever sleeps. Moreover, he is very lively and dedicated when he performs in public, especially in his section's religious and class convocations wherein the entire class showcases their God-given talents and creativity.

From Math, Science, and Filipino spelling quiz bees to Campus Journalism and research, Daniel has proven himself to be both experienced and reputable in academic circles. Graduating as Class Valedictorian (With High Honors) and earning multiple awards in both Elementary and Junior High School, he has never wavered in his pursuit of scholastic excellence.

In SHS, Daniel made history as the latest **Class Valedictorian** from the **Humanities and Social Sciences (HUMSS) strand** since 2019, ranking **1<sup>st</sup>** out of 119 top achievers with an outstanding general average of **95.88%**. He was also named a **Service Awardee** for his unwavering commitment to student leadership after having swept key presidencies, namely:

- **President of HUMSS 12-1**
- **President of the Penscape Club**
- **President of SHS White Eagle (TCM Intramurals 2024)**
- **President of SHS Sympathizers of Our Nation (TCM Talent Society 2025)**
- **President of HUMSS during SHS Days 2025**



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His leadership extended beyond campus through a successful work immersion at the **Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) of Southern Leyte**, where he received the **Best in Work Immersion Award (HUMSS)** for achieving perfect marks.

Some of Daniel's most notable achievements and contributions include:

- **2nd Place**, Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC), April 2024 – *Feature Writing (Secondary)*
- **1st Place**, DSPC, December 2024 – *Feature Writing (Secondary)*
- **2nd Place**, Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC) 2025 at Borongan, Eastern Samar – *Feature Writing (Secondary)*
- **2nd Place**, Linggo ng Kabataan 2024 – *Feature Writing Contest*
- **2nd Place**, Maasin City Fire Station *Essay Writing Contest 2025*
- **2nd Place**, SHS Days Academic Group Contest (2024 and 2025)
- **TCM Service Awardee**, 3 consecutive years (2023, 2024, 2025)
- **Writer-Staffer**, *Meraki*, literary wing of *The Hilltop* (official school publication)
- **Dancer**, *Badhnati*, TCM's official dance troupe, performing in:
  - Linggo ng Kabataan 2023 (*Folk Dance – 2nd Place*)
  - Maasin City Food Bazaar 2023
  - TCM Annual Cultural Show (2023 & 2024)
- **Cheerdancer**, SHS White Eagle – *2nd in 2023, Champion in 2025*
- **Dancer**, SHS Sympathizers of Our Nation – *Modern Jazz Winner (2024), Pinoy Hip-hop Winner (2025)*
- **Public speaker**, such as:
  - **Valedictory Address** (Elem, JHS, SHS)
  - **Filipino Poem Presentation** (Grade 4)
  - **President's Address** as Sympathizers of our Nation's president during SHS Talent Society 2025
- **Writer & Brainstormer**, *TCM Cultural Show 2025* (TCM's 100th Founding Anniversary)
- **Lead Organizer**, SHS Buwan ng Wika 2024 (Penscape Club)
- **Host** in school events, namely:
  - SHS Buwan ng Wika 2024
  - SHS Christmas Party 2024
  - community outreach program at Cambooc Multigrade School (CMS)
- **Lead Organizer**, outreach program at CMS (performance task in *Community Engagement, Solidarity, and Citizenship*)
- **Representative**, "Young Ones, Meet the Young Ones" interview (PSWDO Southern Leyte)

Aside from being his Grade 11 subject instructor, Daniel and I formed a genuine and wholesome bond as we collaborated through the White Eagles and Humanistas. I've seen him embrace his identity with confidence and push himself tirelessly—not only to reach his goals but, more importantly, to conquer his doubts, fears, and limitations. Witnessing his journey—marked by triumphs, setbacks, and redemption—I couldn't help but shed tears of pride and joy at his graduation as if he were my own child.



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But what distinguishes Daniel goes beyond medals and certificates. It's his quiet yet enduring way of showing up — the strength he has always had to be present and perform even in the most difficult, gut-wrenching times. It's the courage to face his monsters, gain wisdom out of his mistakes, and rise from his lowest moments that make him shine the most.

I believe with complete sincerity that Daniel embodies everything the PCAFPD Undergraduate Scholarship seeks to support: **potential, perseverance, purpose**, and the **promise of a young leader** who will make a **lasting, positive impact**. Investing in him is not only a vote of confidence in his future—it's a vote of confidence in the future of the communities he will uplift.

Thank you for considering this remarkable young man. I would be more than happy to speak further on his behalf.

