

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

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Relationship to applicant: Former Student

Organization/School: Calinan National High School

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Applicant Information: Use additional pages as needed

Name: Leomar Otaza Lozarito Jr.

Current School: University of the Philippines - Mindanao

Recommendation

PCAFPD scholars are chosen on the basis of their financial need, academic performance, and commitment to community service and leadership. As the applicant's reference, please describe the applicant's demonstrated leadership skills, accomplishments, and impacts on your community and any other relevant information you feel the committee should know about the applicant.

As Leomar Lozarito Jr.'s former teacher at Calinan National High School, I've had the pleasure of watching him grow into one of the most inspiring young leaders I've ever met. He's not just an excellent student, he's someone who leads with heart, purpose, and a genuine desire to make a difference.

Leomar was the first President of the STEM Club, and he didn't take that role lightly. He showed incredible initiative and drive, launching the first-ever DOST-SEI Review Course to help fellow students prepare for science and technology scholarship exams. Thanks to his efforts, many students felt more confident and supported in their academic journey.

He also led the Math-Science Month activities, turning them into fun, educational events that got students excited. Whether it was organizing and planning contests, Leomar made sure everyone felt involved and inspired.

Outside the classroom, Leomar represented our school in various competitions at the cluster and division levels, always performing with excellence and bringing pride to our community. But what truly sets him apart is his commitment to service.

As a WATER Ambassador—which stands for *Well-rounded, Action-driven, Tenacious, Environment-conscious, and Responsible citizen*, Leomar lived up to every word. He didn't just talk about leadership; he lived it. He served as the Children's Congress President in his barangay, where he encouraged youth participation and promoted environmental awareness.

One moment that really shaped him was joining the SariBuhay Quiz Bee in Grade 10, which focused on Philippine biodiversity. As part of the event, he joined a tree-planting activity at the ALI Davao Carbon

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Forest, and that experience deepened his passion for protecting the environment. Later, he became an ECOngress facilitator, helping other young people get involved in sustainability efforts.

Through all these roles, STEM Club President, WATER Ambassador, ECOngress facilitator, quiz bee participant, volunteer planter, and youth leader, Leomar has shown that real leadership means taking action with purpose. He's thoughtful, resilient, and compassionate, and I truly believe he'll continue to make a positive impact wherever life takes him.

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