AREA IV

SUPPORT TO STUDENTS

O.1. The institutional programs and services develop student potentials to the fullest.

The University of Southern Mindanao develops student potentials to the fullest through a complete set of programs and services that support students academically, financially, socially, and professionally. These services are carried out through the Student Affairs and Services (SAS) offices, the colleges, and recognized student organizations, and their results can be seen in the students' participation, achievements, and professional readiness.

Access and financial support. The University gives students access to scholarships and financial assistance so that financial limits do not prevent them from finishing their studies. For SY 2025-2026, the final list of scholars shows 1,879 scholars supported through 24 scholarship programs and sponsors, led by the CHED Tulong Dunong Program, the Provincial Government of North Cotabato Scholarship, and the Listahanan-Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES). Scholars come from all 13 colleges and institutes, and women make up about two-thirds of the recipients (66.0%). Within the College of Business Development, Economics and Management (CBDEM), the list includes 24 BS Accountancy and 27 BS Management Accounting scholars.

Leadership, cultural, and co-curricular development. Students are given opportunities to develop through organizations and university-wide activities. The Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (JPIA) USM Chapter took part in Pasiklaban 2026 and was champion in Patintero, first runner-up in Debate, second place in Essay Writing, and third runner-up in Canvas Painting, and it also joined the Tug of War. Accountancy students were also recognized with an award for Most Outstanding Research Paper (Social Science category) and for in-house research presentations at the 27th Gawad Parangal.

Academic and professional development. The University and the department provide hands-on and professional experiences beyond the classroom. Students take part in student laboratory cooperatives, SOALIS activities, and a testimonial ceremony. A JPIA team placed third in the IDEA CTRL: CBMS Innovation Challenge at the 2026 Komunikasyon. Students developed and introduced Audivance, an offline audit workspace that supports the audit work of student organizations. The chapter also holds a prayer meeting for CPA licensure examinees to support their well-being before the exam.

Licensure and career readiness. The results show that these programs build competent graduates. In the CPA Licensure Examination, USM's overall passing rate from May 2024 to May 2026 ranged from 40% to 68.75%, above the national rate (about 30% to 34%) in all five sittings, and it reached 68.75% in May 2026, when first-time takers passed at 83.33%. Six students were also recognized as passers of the March 2026 Civil Service Examination.

Conclusion. Together, the financial assistance, organizational and cultural activities, research and innovation opportunities, and licensure support show that students are given

the means to grow in academics, leadership, character, and professional competence. This supports the Outcome that the institution's programs and services develop student potentials to the fullest.



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SUMMARY of Scholars SY 2025-2026

Number of Scholars by Sponsoring Agencies in University of Southern Mindanao, Kabacan, SY 2025-2026.

NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP	TOTAL
ATI EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE	12
BANGSAMORO MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (BMSP)	45
BJ FONTANILLA FOUNDATION	2
CHED - TULONG DUNONG PROGRAM	475
CHED FULL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM(FSSP/FSSPGAD)	33
CHED HALF MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM(HSSP/HSSPGAD)	99
DA - AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND – GRANTS-IN-AID FOR HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM (ACEF-GIAHEP)	23
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (DOST)	149
GOKONGWEI BROTHERS FOUNDATION	2
LISTAHANAN - TERTAIRY EDUCATION SUBSIDY (TES)	282
MEDICAL SERVICES AND RETURN SERVICES (MSRS)	50
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY BASE MERIT (MOST)	126
NESCAFE KAPE'T BISIG SA PAGBANGON EDUCATIONAL GRANT	100
OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION	15
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF NORTH COTABATO SCHOLARSHIP	363
PRIVATE DONORS FROM USA	2
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR COCONUT FARMERS AND THEIR FAMILIES (COSCHO)	92
SRA SUGAR INDUSRTY DEVELOPMENT ACT (SIDA)	9
TOTAL	**1,879**

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