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Name of Applicant Organization and Mission:	<p style="text-align: center;">School of Deaf Education and Applied Studies De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde</p> <p>De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde (Benilde) is a non-stock non-profit academic institution founded in 1988 managed by the Brothers of the Christian Schools (FSC), located in Malate district of Manila, Philippines. Benilde is committed to building a just and humane society by being at the forefront of innovative education that is accessible to the poor and diversely gifted learners.</p> <p>The School of Deaf Education and Applied Studies (SDEAS) is one of the seven schools under Benilde, institutionalized in 1991 to provide quality education for the Deaf learners. SDEAS envisions itself as the leading learner-centered educational institution in Deaf Education in the Philippines by offering programs that are responsive to their needs, conducting research on innovative strategies for their holistic development, establishing international linkages and empowering them by preserving Deaf heritage and nurturing Filipino Deaf culture. It is the mission of SDEAS to ensure that the Filipino Deaf youth achieve their full potential and become competent and valuable members of the Deaf community and the Philippine society.</p>
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Project Title/Focus:	<p>Supplemental Learning Needs and Fees Support</p>
Total Funding Request:	<p>Php 108,000 (USD 2,000)</p>

SDEAS SCHOLARSHIP AND SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Rationale

Many of the Deaf in the Philippines are coming from the families of the marginalized sector and are trapped in the cycle of poverty. Education is the liberating hope of most parents. Filipino parents value education and sees it as a legacy they can impart to their children. They believe that having better education opens opportunities that will ensure a good future and eventually lift them out of poverty. Thus, they are willing to make enormous sacrifices to send their children to school, (Dolan 1991, De Dios 1995, LaRocque 2004).

Sadly, the cost of a tertiary education is very high compared the income of the daily wage earners. De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde School of Deaf Education and Applied Studies (Benilde SDEAS) recognizes this situation and sponsors the tuition fees as a scholarship to the ninety-eight (98%) percent of its Deaf students. These Deaf students are taking up Bachelor in Applied Deaf Studies (BAPDST) program having Entrepreneurship, Visual Media Arts and Business Outsourcing Services and Management as a specialization, which they can take for 3 ½ years.

Despite having free or subsidized tuition, it is still a challenge for parents to ensure that their Deaf children will be able to finish their degrees considering the other costs such as miscellaneous fees, food & daily living expenses, lodging and school projects. The hybrid class set-up (mixture of face-to-face and online) brought about by the pandemic aggravated the situation. Students now need personal computers, internet load, transportation, and health and safety supplies in order to complete their schooling. The surging inflation and high cost of basic commodities make it more difficult for the parents of the Deaf despite their enormous sacrifices.

Benilde SDEAS partners with various organizations, funders and individuals to help its current Deaf students meet both ends and increase the number of Deaf students have access to higher education through tuition sponsorship.

Program Goal

The SDEAS Scholarship and Supplementary Assistance Program is a fundraising and partnership initiative of Benilde SDEAS in its desire to ensure a more accessible higher education for the Deaf. The specific objectives of the program are as follows:

- Increase the number of Deaf pursuing higher education through tuition sponsorship,
- Ensure the current Deaf students under Benilde scholarship finish their program through supplemental assistance and financial support, and
- Produce Deaf leader advocates through holistic education with emphasis on spiritual formation, socio-civic and global citizenship.

Sponsorship Options

Below are the sponsorship options under this program:

- **Full Scholarship** - Full cost of program tuition and fees for a period of 10 academic terms or 3 ½ years. Sponsorship can be done on a yearly basis.
- **Partial Scholarship** – At least 50% or more of the total tuition and fees of one Deaf individual.
- **Supplemental Learning Needs and Fees Support** – This covers the other costs of the students needed in order to finish their program. This may include costs involved in tutoring and guidance,

lodging and food allowance, internet data allowance, transportation, school projects, books, clothing, and spiritual and global citizenship formation. A portion may also be allocated to the endowment fund of Benilde SDEAS for its future scholarship financial needs and ensure its sustainability.

The St. John XXIII Parish Assistance Abroad Committee Partnership

For over 2 years now the St. John XXIII Parish through its Assistance Abroad Committee has assisted Benilde SDEAS to realize its vision of producing college-graduate Deaf leader advocates by donating to the *supplemental learning needs and fees*. The donation for this incoming Academic Year 2022-2023 will further advance the mission of Benilde SDEAS. Specifically, it will be allocated for the internet data allowance of 12 students for 2 academic terms, the endowment fund of SDEAS, and students’ spiritual and global citizenship formation.

Below is the itemized breakdown of utilization:

**Fund Utilization Plan for School Year 2022 – 2023
Hybrid Learning Modality**

Month	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount (PHP)	Total Amount
September 2022	12	₱550.00	₱6,600.00
October 2022	12	₱550.00	₱6,600.00
November 2022	12	₱550.00	₱6,600.00
January 2023	12	₱550.00	₱6,600.00
February 2023	12	₱550.00	₱6,600.00
March 2023	12	₱550.00	₱6,600.00
April 2023	12	₱550.00	₱6,600.00
May 2023	12	₱550.00	₱6,600.00
Total Internet data allowance			₱52,800.00
Spiritual and global citizenship formation services			₱21,600.00
Endowment fund			₱33,600.00
Total projected utilization			₱108,000.00 (USD 2,000.00)

Transparency Report for Academic Year 2021-2022

For the Academic Year 2021-2022 Benilde SDEAS received a total of Php 49,548.80 (USD 980) donation from St. John XIII Parish Assistance Abroad Committee. The said donation was also intended for the *supplemental learning needs and fees* of selected Deaf students. Below is the utilization report for the donation received:

Utilization Report Academic Year 2021-2022 2nd Term & 3rd Term					
Month	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount (USD)	Amount (PHP)	TOTAL Amount (USD)	TOTAL Amount (PHP)
January 2022	14	\$10.88	₱550.00	\$152.32	₱7,700.00
February 2022	14	\$10.88	₱550.00	\$152.32	₱7,700.00
March 2022	14	\$10.88	₱550.00	\$152.32	₱7,700.00
April 2022	14	\$10.88	₱550.00	\$152.32	₱7,700.00
May 2022	14	\$10.88	₱550.00	\$152.32	₱7,700.00
June 2022	14	\$10.88	₱550.00	\$152.32	₱7,700.00
Grand Total Distribution of Data Allowances				\$913.92	₱46,200.00
Endowment				\$66.23	₱3,348.80
TOTAL DONATION USD980 x 50.56 = P49,548.80				\$980.15	₱49,548.80

Below are the fourteen students who benefitted from the donation made for Academic Year 2021-2022.

School Year 2021 – 2022 Beneficiaries	
STUDENT'S NAME	STATUS
Cana, Jann Vincent	Graduating
Combong, Charvin	Graduating
Padilla, Marie Beatriz Aurora	Graduating
Somera, Ismael	Graduating
Vasquez, Cromkell	Graduating
Apostol, James Wendell	3rd year
Macahia, Jennifer	3rd year
Mission, Charles	3rd year
Moratin, Krystel Jane	3rd year
Oidem, Chris Jeunell	3rd year
Pol, Richie	3rd year
Podaca, Angel Zyra	3rd year
Urbano, Mica Viel	3rd year
Villarico, Marco	3rd year

