



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CALBAYOG CITY

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 569, s. 2025

**CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR THE 5TH YOUTH-EMPOWERED SAMAR (YES)
AWARDS 2025**

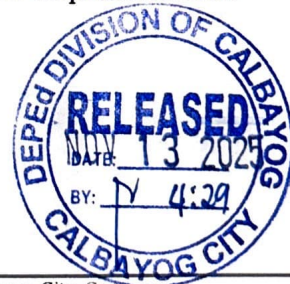
TO: Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
SGOD and CID Chiefs
School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to the attached invitation letter from Mr. Jhunlie E. Escala, the Provincial Youth Development Officer of the Samar Provincial Youth Development Office, on the **5th Youth-Empowered Samar (YES) Awards 2025** which will be held on November 27-28, 2025.
2. All SSLG, SELG and other school organizations are encouraged to submit their entries on or before **November 16, 2025**.
3. Enclosed in this memorandum are the YES Awards 2025 mechanics and briefer for your guidance and reference.
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this memorandum are desired.

for: [Signature]
MARGARITO A. CADAYONA, JR. PhD, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent
S.O. # 85 s. 2025

Enclosures: As stated
Reference: As stated
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subject:
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[URGENT] CALL FOR ENTRIES YES AWARDS 2025

1 message

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Subject: Transmittal of Invitation to Participate in the 5th Youth-Empowered Samar (YES) Awards 2025Dear **Dr. Margarito A. Cadayona, Jr., CESO VI**

Warm greetings from the Provincial Government of Samar!

Attached herewith is a **letter of invitation** from the **Provincial Youth Development Office (PYDO)**, inviting all **Supreme Elementary Learner Governments (SELGs)** and **Supreme Secondary Learner Governments (SSLGs)** in the Schools Division of Calbayog City to participate in the **5th Youth-Empowered Samar (YES) Awards 2025**.

This year's YES Awards recognizes **Outstanding Project Proposals** from SELGs and SSLGs, as well as **Best Implemented Projects** conducted from January 2024 to September 2025. Prizes include ₱20,000 for the Outstanding SELG, ₱50,000 for the Outstanding SSLG, and ₱100,000 for the Best Implemented Project Category.

The **deadline for submission of entries** is on **November 16, 2025**, while the **Finals and Awarding Ceremonies** will be held on **November 27 and 28, respectively**.

We respectfully request the support of your office in disseminating this invitation to all schools under your Division.

Thank you very much for your continued partnership in promoting youth leadership and development across Samar.

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For the Samaron Youth,**JHUNLIE E. ESCALA****Provincial Youth Development Officer**

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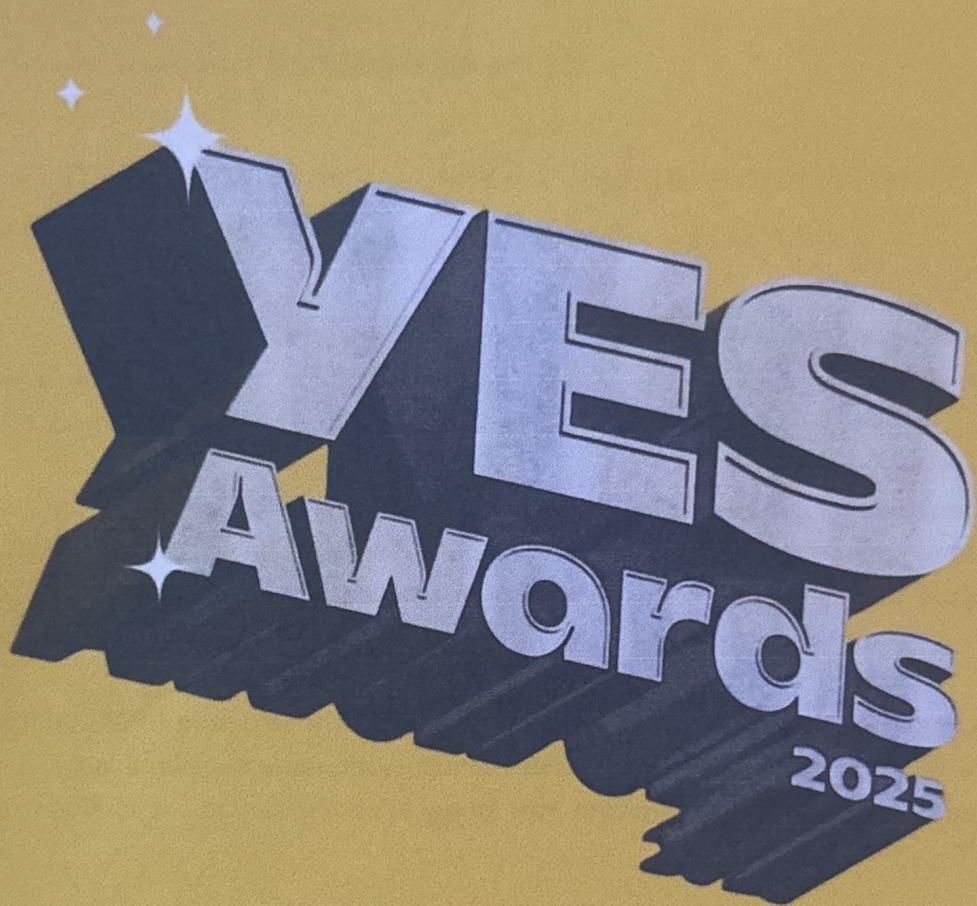
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For the Samaron Youth.

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YES Awards 2025

DESIGN BY PAULO BORRES, THE OFFICIAL DIGITAL CURATOR OF 21ST TAYO AWARDS

ELIGIBILITY FOR MOST OUTSTANDING IMPLEMENTED YOUTH PROJECTS (OPEN TO ALL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS & ENTITIES)

The following types of youth organizations shall be eligible under this category:

- Sangguniang Kabataan Councils
- Sangguniang Kabataan City/Municipal Level Federations
- Local Youth Development Offices
- School-based Youth Organizations
- Community-based Youth Organizations
- Faith-based Youth Organizations
- Special advocacy-based Youth Organizations

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING THE MOST OUTSTANDING IMPLEMENTED YOUTH PROJECTS (OPEN TO ALL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS & ENTITIES)

For the Youth-Empowered Samar (YES) Awards 2025 – Implemented Project Category, five equally weighted criteria will guide the evaluation of entries. Each carries 20% of the total score to ensure balanced and holistic recognition of youth-led initiatives.

Impact on Stakeholders (20%) measures the project's tangible and intangible benefits to its target communities, including improvements in knowledge, skills, well-being, or overall quality of life. A strong project demonstrates clear, measurable outcomes that positively affect its intended beneficiaries.

Sustainability (20%) evaluates the project's ability to continue creating long-term value beyond its initial implementation. Projects must demonstrate mechanisms for continuity, resource mobilization, or institutional support that prevent them from being one-time activities.

Harnessing the Spirit of Volunteerism and Citizenship (20%) highlights the project's ability to engage young people and community members meaningfully, cultivating active citizenship, civic responsibility, and a culture of volunteerism in service of the common good.

Creativity and Innovation (20%) recognizes new, adaptive, and unique approaches to addressing local problems, maximizing available resources, and applying fresh perspectives in project design or implementation.

Finally, **Effective Use of Resources (20%)** assesses financial and non-financial resource management, ensuring transparency, accountability, and efficiency in utilizing funds, partnerships, and human capital.

Together, these criteria celebrate impactful, sustainable, and transformative youth projects.



INTRODUCTION

The youth sector remains one of the most dynamic and influential forces in shaping the future of the Province of Samar. Young people bring with them innovation, creativity, leadership, and a deep sense of service to their communities. However, their contributions often go unrecognized and underappreciated. In response, the Provincial Government of Samar proposes the establishment of the Youth-Empowered Samar Awards (YES Awards)—a recognition program that aims to honor exemplary youth leaders, organizations, and initiatives across various fields of engagement. The awards will serve as a platform to highlight youth achievements, provide positive role models, and inspire other young Samaritans to actively contribute to development efforts.

The challenges facing Samar today—health concerns, lack of employment opportunities, environmental issues, and the need for active and meaningful youth participation—require innovative and inclusive solutions. The youth, comprising a significant portion of the province's population, hold a critical role in addressing these challenges. They are not merely beneficiaries of programs but are partners and stakeholders in community development. Recognizing youth achievements through the Youth-Empowered Samar Awards will help build a culture of appreciation and encouragement. Such recognition strengthens self-confidence, boosts motivation, and fosters a sense of belonging among young people. Moreover, it emphasizes that their contributions matter, whether in leadership, governance, entrepreneurship, arts, education, environmental stewardship, volunteerism, or community service.

The awards also aim to break the cycle of invisibility that many youth initiatives suffer from. By giving visibility to their best practices, the province can replicate, scale up, and institutionalize successful youth-led projects. In turn, this will encourage collaboration between youth organizations, local government units, schools, and civil society organizations. The YES Awards will therefore become a catalyst for greater youth participation and inclusive growth, ultimately contributing to the vision of a more empowered and progressive Samar.



CATEGORIES OF AWARD

PROPOSAL PITCHING CATEGORY

- **MOST OUTSTANDING SUPREME ELEMENTARY LEARNER GOVERNMENT (SELG) PROJECT**
- **MOST OUTSTANDING SUPREME SECONDARY LEARNER GOVERNMENT (SSLG) PROJECT**
- **MOST OUTSTANDING TERTIARY SCHOOLS YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS' PROJECT**

IMPLEMENTED PROJECT CATEGORY

- **MOST OUTSTANDING IMPLEMENTED YOUTH PROJECTS**

INSTITUTIONAL CATEGORY

- **MOST OUTSTANDING LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**



PROPOSAL PITCHING CATEGORY

MOST OUTSTANDING SUPREME SECONDARY LEARNER GOVERNMENT (SELG) PROJECT

The Most Outstanding Supreme Secondary Learner Government (SELG) Project is awarded to recognize exemplary initiatives that showcase leadership, innovation, and impact on students and the school community. It highlights projects promoting participation, inclusivity, and democratic values, serving as models of good governance and youth leadership committed to service and nation-building.

MOST OUTSTANDING SUPREME SECONDARY LEARNER GOVERNMENT (SSLG) PROJECT

The Most Outstanding Supreme Secondary Learner Government (SSLG) Project honors impactful initiatives by student leaders that address school or community needs. It highlights projects demonstrating leadership, creativity, and collaboration, while fostering participation, inclusivity, and democratic values. Such initiatives serve as models of youth governance and commitment to meaningful service.

MOST OUTSTANDING TERTIARY SCHOOLS YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS' PROJECT

The Most Outstanding Tertiary Schools Youth Organizations and Community Youth Organizations' Project recognizes exemplary initiatives that create meaningful impact on students and communities. It honors projects showcasing leadership, innovation, and service, while promoting participation, inclusivity, and collaboration. These initiatives exemplify youth empowerment, responsible governance, and commitment to nation-building.



IMPLEMENTED PROJECT CATEGORY

MOST OUTSTANDING IMPLEMENTED YOUTH PROJECTS (OPEN TO ALL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS)

The Most Implemented Youth Projects award recognizes initiatives widely carried out by youth organizations that create meaningful impact across schools and communities. It highlights projects that are sustainable, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of young people, showcasing youth leadership, active participation, and commitment to service and nation-building.

INSTITUTIONAL CATEGORY

MOST OUTSTANDING LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICES

The Most Outstanding Local Youth Development Offices (LYDOs) award recognizes exemplary youth officers who demonstrate strong leadership, integrity, and dedication in advancing youth welfare and development. It honors those who effectively implement programs, foster participation and inclusivity, and empower young people as active partners in community progress and nation-building.



NUMBER OF AWARDEES AND SEED FUNDING/CASH GRANTS

SELG PROJECT	5 WINNERS	P100,000.00 (EACH)
SSLG PROJECT	5 WINNERS	P100,000.00 (EACH)
COLLEGE & COMMUNITY YO PROJECT	5 WINNERS	P100,000.00 (EACH)
YO IMPLEMENTED PROJECT (IMPACT)	10 WINNERS	P50,000.00 (EACH)
OUTSTANDING LYDO	OPEN TO 26 LYDOs	NO CASH

ELIGIBILITY FOR MOST OUTSTANDING COLLEGE-LEVEL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS' AND COMMUNITY YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS' PROJECT

The following types of youth organizations shall be eligible under this category:

- Youth organizations inside State Universities and Colleges, public or private, (Ex. Supreme Student Council, College Publications, Clubs).
- Youth organizations in the barangay, cities, or municipalities in Samar operating for the welfare of the youth.
- Noted: Sangguniang Kabataan Councils shall not be eligible on this category.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING FOR MOST OUTSTANDING COLLEGE-LEVEL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS PROJECT

The criteria for judging the **Most Outstanding College-Level Youth Organizations and Community Youth Organizations Project** emphasize two core aspects: compliance and institutional capacity, and the quality of the proposed project.

Legal Compliance, Mandate Fulfillment, and Institutional Strength (20%) ensure that organizations operate within a legitimate and transparent framework. This includes having a duly elected set of officers, a verified list of bona fide members, and records of regular monthly meetings. Capacity-building is measured through the trainings attended by officers, alongside the existence of an organized office structure. The presence of a signed Constitution and By-Laws demonstrates adherence to governance principles, while YORP and SEC registration prove legal recognition and alignment with national and provincial youth development systems. Equally important is the presentation of a budget acquired and a corresponding utilization report for the past year, reflecting accountability and financial transparency.

Project Proposal (80%) serves as the main basis for evaluation. A strong project must address pressing local needs while aligning with the priorities of SIRAK Kabataan. It should demonstrate wide reach and measurable impact, engaging stakeholders meaningfully. Proposals must also highlight innovation, sustainability, and replicability to ensure long-term value. Finally, a clear accountability and transparency plan guarantees credibility, trust, and responsible execution.

Eligibility for Most Outstanding SSLG Project

Any Supreme Secondary Learner Government in the Province of Samar

Criteria for Judging for Most Outstanding SSLG Project

The evaluation of youth organizations is anchored on three major criteria: legal compliance, institutional strength, and the quality of the proposed project. **Legal compliance and mandate fulfillment (15%)** ensures that the organization is properly constituted and functional. This includes a list of duly elected officers, recognition of clubs and organizations within its jurisdiction, and proof of regular monthly meetings. It also entails documentation of trainings attended by officers, the maintenance of a comprehensive database of learners, an established office structure, and the existence of a signed Constitution and By-Laws. These reflect legitimacy, readiness, and adherence to governance standards.

Institutional strength (15%) is measured by the organization's collaborative efforts with the School-Based Management (SBM), the Parent-Teacher and Community Association (PTCA), barangay officials, and other stakeholders. It also includes evidence of at least one project, program, or activity (PPA) implemented since election, the maintenance of an updated digital platform such as a Facebook page, and registration under the Youth Organization Registration Program (YORP).

Finally, the **project proposal (70%)** is the primary basis for evaluation. It must respond to local needs, align with SIRAK Kabataan priorities, and show wide reach and impact. It should also highlight stakeholder engagement, innovation, sustainability, replicability, and a clear accountability and transparency plan.

Eligibility for Most Outstanding SELG Project

Any Supreme Elementary Learner Government in the Province of Samar

Criteria for Judging for Most Outstanding SELG Project

The evaluation of youth organizations is grounded on three dimensions: legal compliance and mandate fulfillment (15%), institutional strength (15%), and project proposal (70%).

Legal compliance ensures legitimacy and good governance through the presence of elected officers, a list of clubs and organizations, consistent monthly meetings, trainings attended by officers, a functional database of learners, a clear office structure, and a signed Constitution and By-Laws.

Institutional strength highlights the capacity of the organization to collaborate with School-Based Management (SBM), the PTCA, barangay leaders, and other stakeholders. It also requires proof of at least one project, program, or activity (PPA) implemented since election and the maintenance of an updated bulletin board as a medium of information dissemination.

The project proposal carries the most weight, demanding strong relevance to local needs, alignment with SIRAK Kabataan programs, and broad reach. It must also embody stakeholder participation, innovation, sustainability, replicability, and accountability mechanisms.