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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR  
NO. 2016-98

FOR : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS  
DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : VOLUNTEERISM STORY WRITING CONTEST

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The Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) partnered with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in the conduct of the Volunteerism Story Writing Contest to engage our youth in the promotion of volunteerism both as a way of life and as a crosscutting tool for socio-economic development. The contest with the theme “Volunteering for Sustainable Development” supports the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and serves as a platform for students to discover and share the diverse experiences and insights of people and organizations who render volunteer service for community empowerment and sustainable development.

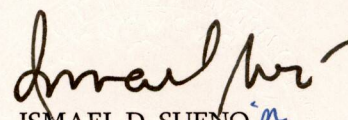
The Contest is open to Filipino college/university students nationwide who are currently enrolled in or who have completed the National Service Training Program (NSTP) at the time of the submission of the entry. Students who are interested to participate shall have to submit an entry, a feature article on an individual or group/organization whose volunteer work is aligned with the achievement of any of the SDGs that the student may wish to focus on.

The entry form can be downloaded at the PNVSCA and CHED websites. Please see the attachment for details on the Guidelines and mechanics; format of the feature article and, criteria for choosing the winning entry among others. Deadline for submission of entries is on 31 August 2016. One winner will be selected per region and each winner shall receive a Php 3,000.00 prize.

For more information, you may contact PNVSCA through telephone number 277-7389 or through e-mail at [info@pnvsca.gov.ph](mailto:info@pnvsca.gov.ph)

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

  
ISMAEL D. SUENO  
Secretary





"Tree Planting for a Bright and Safe Future"  
2015, Photo by Candice Nicole Baluyot

# VOLUNTEERISM STORY WRITING CONTEST



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# **VOLUNTEERISM STORY WRITING CONTEST**

*A Joint Project of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA).*

PNVSCA is the government agency mandated by Republic Act 9418 or "The Volunteer Act of 2007" to coordinate the implementation of the national volunteer service program and to take the lead in advocating the contributions of volunteers to nation-building and international understanding.

Through the Volunteerism Story Writing Contest, PNVSCA partners with CHED in engaging the Filipino youth in the promotion of volunteerism both as a way of life and cross-cutting tool for socio-economic development.

The contest serves as a platform for students to discover and share the diverse experiences and insights of people and organizations who render volunteer service for community empowerment and sustainable development.

## **I. SCOPE**

The Contest is open to Filipino college/university students nationwide who are currently enrolled in or who have completed the National Service Training Program (NSTP) at the time of the submission of the entry.

## **II. THEME**

The theme of the contest is "Volunteering for Sustainable Development", in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## **III. EXPECTED OUTPUT**

The expected outputs are feature stories on the experiences and contributions of volunteers towards the achievement of the SDGs.

Each participant shall choose one SDG and shall write a feature article on an individual or group/organization whose volunteer work is aligned with the achievement of the chosen SDG.

#### IV. GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS

1. Only one entry per student is allowed. Co-authored entries will not be accepted.
2. The participant shall be responsible for securing the permission of the volunteer or volunteer group/organization featured in the story.
3. The entry should not have been previously published in a printed or an online material and should not have been submitted in any government- or private organization-administered contest.
4. Information contained in the entry shall be validated by PNVSCA and CHED through verification with the featured volunteer or volunteer group/organization and/or NSTP coordinator.
5. Volunteering experiences and insights discussed in the entry should come from direct or mediated communication with the volunteer or volunteer organization. Borrowing information from published work is prohibited.
6. Participants found to have committed plagiarism shall be disqualified from the contest.
7. Each story should follow the prescribed format.
8. The entry form can be downloaded at  
PNVSCA's website: [www.pnvzca.gov.ph](http://www.pnvzca.gov.ph) and Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/innovatecooperateinspire](https://www.facebook.com/innovatecooperateinspire)  
  
CHED's website: [www.ched.gov.ph](http://www.ched.gov.ph)
9. The contestant should submit both printed and electronic copies of his/her entry. The e-copy must be sent by e-mail address to [info@pnvsca.gov.ph](mailto:info@pnvsca.gov.ph). The printed copy must be enclosed in a brown envelope and sent to

Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency  
Ground Floor, Philippine Sugar Center Building  
North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

**The deadline for submission of entries is on 31 August 2016.**

10. The entry shall be acknowledged by email upon receipt. The PNVSCA assumes no responsibility for the loss or delay of sending of entries due to technical malfunction of the server, traffic congestion on the internet or a combination thereof.
11. Relatives of the officials/employees of PNVSCA up to the third degree of consanguinity are prohibited from joining the contest.

12. PNVSCA and CHED reserve the right to extend the deadline of the contest.
13. PNVSCA and CHED shall invite representatives from the government and private sector to comprise the panel of judges. The decision of the Panel of Judges will be final and unappealable.
14. Winners must agree that the PNVSCA and CHED shall disclose their identities during the announcement of winners.
15. All entries shall be the property of the PNVSCA and may be used by the Agency in its advocacy activities without compensation but with due credit to the author.

## V. FORMAT

- Title of the story should be provided
- Should be in portable document format ( PDF)
- Written in English, typewritten, double-spaced, font size Arial, 11
- Top, bottom, left, and right margins must be one (1) inch
- Maximum number of words is 1,800
- Name and signature of the participant are written at the top left-hand corner of each page.
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## VI. CRITERIA

• <b>Relevance to the Theme</b> <i>Experiences and accomplishments of the featured volunteer are relevant to the chosen SDG</i>	40 %
• <b>Understanding of volunteerism for development</b> <i>Articulation of the importance of volunteering as a tool for supporting development initiatives</i>	20 %
• <b>Creativity</b> <i>Discussion of the ideas in a unique and engaging manner</i>	20 %
• <b>Language Proficiency</b> <i>Good grammar, style and organization</i>	20 %
	<b>100 %</b>

## VII . PRIZES

One winner will be selected per region and each regional winner will receive **Php 3,000. 00.**

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