



Unshackle: Breaking The Chains of Poverty Through Any Means Necessary

Poverty is a globally recognized issue, yet not enough effort has been made to completely eradicate it. It remains the root cause of other widely acknowledged problems, such as global hunger, inadequate healthcare access, quality education deficits, limited clean water, and poor sanitation, among others.



To help bridge the gap between students from low-income families and their access to basic necessities, the University of Mindanao (UM) recognizes its significant responsibility as a committed and active participant in pursuing the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 1: No Poverty.

With its open admission policy and a remarkable history of achievements, the University of Mindanao attracts thousands of students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds and cultural groups each enrollment period. For the first semester of the academic year 2024-2025, 30,602 students were registered. Of these, 11% are members of various indigenous tribes, while 5% come from impoverished backgrounds.

Financial Aids

To reduce the financial burden many students may encounter, UM offers a variety of scholarship programs. These are not only for students who excel academically or in non-academic fields but also for financially disadvantaged students who deserve support. Scholarships such as the Student Training Assistance Program (STAP) and the Indigent Assistance Program provide essential opportunities for students within the 16% of enrolled students who come from low-income backgrounds.

As stated in the student handbook's Section 5.2, the University of Mindanao ensures the upholding of students' rights to an affordable education.

FIVE EASY STEPS ON HOW TO APPLY/RENEW YOUR SCHOLARSHIP THRU STUDENT PORTAL

FIRST SEMESTER S.Y. 2025-2026

FOR NEW AND ON-GOING/RENEWAL APPLICATION

University Anti-Poverty Programs

The university's open admission policy facilitates access for students from diverse financial, social, and cultural backgrounds. Through the financial aid provided, students from low-income groups can more readily complete their college programs and graduate.

UM deeply values its students' health and well-being. According to Section 5.6.1 of the student handbook, the university provides adequate healthcare facilities, giving students easy access to free medical, dental, and counseling services. Additionally, a campus service vehicle offers free transportation within the campus premises.