

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR OWWA MEMBER-OFWS & FAMILY

OWWA is the lead government agency tasked to promote the welfare and well-being of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and their families. As a membership institution, OWWA is responsive to the needs of OFWs and their families. The benefits and services are over and above the provisions of the employment contract, offer of employers or the laws of the receiving country.

For a US\$25.00 membership contribution, an OWWA member is entitled to the following benefits and services:

HEALTH CARE, DISABILITY AND DEATH BENEFITS

Health Program for OFWs (HEALTHPRO). Subsidized medical and hospitalization services for OFWs in response to the medical assistance needs of distressed OFWs abroad or upon arrival.

OFW Medical Rehabilitation Program. A special health package to extend sustainable medical rehabilitation services for returning OFWs who are either suffering from any form of mental disorder/illness or physical disability.

Disability and Dismemberment Benefit. A member is entitled to disability/dismemberment benefit of up to Php50,000.00 and Php100,000.00 in case of total permanent disability.

Death Benefit. A member is entitled to a benefit of Php100,000.00 for the duration of his employment contract for death due to natural cause and Php200,000.00 for death due to accident.

Burial Benefit. A burial benefit of Php20,000.00 shall be provided in case of the member's death.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING BENEFITS

Pre-Departure Education Program(PDEP). The PDEP is a mandatory training for all departing migrant workers. The components of the PDEP are:

- Comprehensive Pre-Departure Education Program (CPDEP)** for household service workers, where classes on language training, culture familiarization and stress management for the OFWs are held to prepare them for their new life overseas.
- Country-specific Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar (PDOS)** for OFWs bound for Canada and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Participants are presented with a comprehensive module with sessions on contract familiarization, profile of the country of destination, stages of the OFWs life, health and safety, airport procedures and government programs.

Skills-for-Employment Scholarship Program (SESP) for short-term (up to two years) vocational or technicians course for OFWs and their dependents. A maximum of Php14,000.00 per course shall be provided to qualified OFWs or their beneficiary.

Education for Development Scholarship Program (EDSP) for four-to five-year baccalaureate courses. A maximum of Php60,000.00 per year shall be provided to qualified beneficiaries of OFWs.

OFW Dependents Scholarship Program (OFW DSP). OWWA provides financial assistance of Php20,000.00 per year to poor but deserving dependents of OFWs with monthly salaries of not more than US\$400.00/month. Qualifiers are entitled to a baccalaureate or associate degree in a state college or university.

Seafarers' Comprehensive Education and Training Programs. Resulting from the maritime industry's high demand for seafarers and the enhancement of competency for officers positions, OWWA undertakes stop-gap measures to ensure considerable supply of seafarers in the mid-management level and secure the place of our sea-based OFWs in the industry.

Seafarer's Upgrading Program (SUP). Training assistance of up to Php 7,500.00 for qualified seafarers for every 3 membership contributions.

Mariners' Dugtong -Aral is a scholarship grant given to qualified graduates of BS Mechanical Engineering (BSME) and BS Electrical Engineering (BSEE) who wish to become Marine Officers.

Incentive Program for Top Maritime Cadets (Cadetship Program) is a financial incentive to the top 200 cadets of BS Marine Transportation as part of the education for development scholarship program of OWWA for prospective OWWA members.

Marine Educational Development Loan Program (MEDLOP) for Prospective Marine Officers and Engineers with guaranteed International Onboard Employment (Study Now, Pay Later Scheme). MEDLOP is an interest-free financial assistance to defray the cost of tertiary education of prospective Marine Officers and Engineers.

OWWA-Microsoft Tulay. Free information and communication technology (ICT) skills training, access to technology and communication via the internet.

Tuloy-Aral project (TAP) is an educational assistance through US\$100.00 financial support to augment the school needs of less fortunate elementary and high school children of former OFWs.

Tuloy-Kolehiyo. Extension of the TAP to include the tertiary level of education leading to either an associate or baccalaureate degree.

ON-SITE ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES

Location of OFW whereabouts, information and guidance, counseling and conciliation services, medical and legal assistance, community organizing, workplace and hospital visitation, etc.

Repatriation Program which includes negotiation with employers and agents, repatriation of distressed workers, human remains and belongings, airport assistance, OWWA Halfway House accommodation, and coordination with families through the OWWA Regional Welfare Offices (RWOs).

SOCIAL SERVICES AND FAMILY WELFARE ASSISTANCE

Reintegration Program. A program for the member-OFW's economic and social reintegration through business counseling, community organizing, financial literacy seminars, networking with support institutions, social preparation programs and livelihood loans.

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