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Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

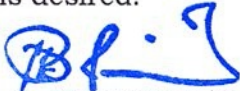
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To: Schools Division Superintendents
Chiefs of Functional Divisions
All Others Concerned

**DISSEMINATION OF OUF MEMORANDUM NO. 2026-1678 RE:
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL HEALTH
AND INCLUSION EXCELLENCE AWARDS (FHIEA)**

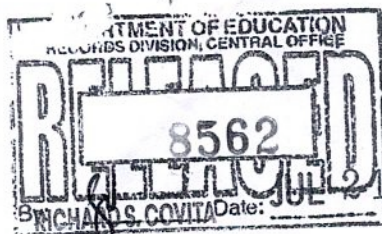
1. Attached is **OUF Memorandum No. 2026-1678** dated **July 21, 2026**, issued by **ATTY. EDSON BYRON K. SY, Undersecretary for Finance**, regarding the Call for Nominations for The Financial Health and Inclusion Excellence Awards (FHIEA).
2. The Financial Health and Inclusion Excellence Awards (FHIEA) recognize innovative and impactful programs, projects, and initiatives that advance financial inclusion, financial capability, and financial health in support of the National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) 2022–2028.
3. All Schools Division Offices (SDOs), Regional Functional Divisions, and other concerned offices are encouraged to identify and nominate qualified programs, projects, and initiatives implemented from 2022 to 2025 under any of the following categories:
 - a) Inclusive digital finance innovation;
 - b) Consumer empowerment and financial health; and
 - c) Sectoral advocacy and outreach.
4. Interested offices shall submit their nominations directly to the **Financial Inclusion Steering Committee (FISC)** Secretariat in accordance with the guidelines and procedures provided in the attached Memorandum.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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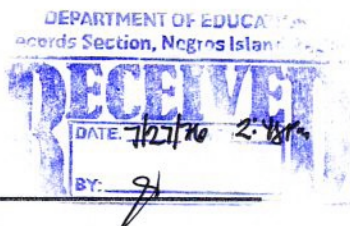
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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR FINANCE

MEMORANDUM
OUF-2026- 1678

FOR : DEPED REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : ATTY. EDSON BYRON K. SY
Undersecretary for Finance

ARMANDO C. RUIZ
Director IV
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the USec for Finance

SUBJECT : CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL HEALTH AND
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In recognition of outstanding efforts to promote financial inclusion and financial health, the Department of Education (DepEd), hereby informs all concerned of the Call for Nominations for the Financial Health and Inclusion Excellence Awards (FHIEA) of the Financial Inclusion Steering Committee (FISC), chaired by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

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Nominations are open to initiatives implemented from 2022 to 2025 by individuals or institutions from the public and private sectors. Initiatives will be evaluated according to the principal criteria as follows:

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		Positive change via tangible results and real-world changes should be evident.
Alignment with NSFI desired outcomes	20%	Extent of alignment with the Strategy's four desired outcomes, as well as with the Strategy's stated objectives and priority initiatives.
Sustainability of implementation	20%	Demonstration of long-term viability, as well as consistency and effectiveness of execution over time.
Focus on NSFI priority sectors	15%	Prioritization of identified priority sectors (e.g., forcibly displaced persons, farmers, microentrepreneurs, persons with disabilities, women, youth) and other marginalized segments. Impact and responsiveness to sector-specific challenges should be evident.
Creativity and innovation	15%	Demonstration of inventiveness, particularly through application of novel approaches, technologies, and models in addressing financial health and inclusion barriers.

In this regard, all concerned offices are encouraged to identify and nominate qualified programs, projects, and initiatives that have significantly contributed to advancing financial inclusion, financial capability, and financial health within their respective jurisdictions. Interested parties shall submit their nominations to the FISC Secretariat through email at **financialinclusion@bsp.gov.ph** with the subject **"FHIEA nomination submission"**. For nomination guidelines and other details, please visit **<https://financialinclusion.gov.ph/fhiea/>**.

For information and appropriate action.