

# PROVIDING FOOD SUPPORT TO STUDENTS FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

## INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT

Ateneo de Naga University (ADNU), through the **College Admissions and Aid Office (CAAO)**, implements the **Feed-a-Scholar Program** as a direct support mechanism for students from low-income families. The program forms part of the University’s broader mission to ensure that no student’s education is hindered by food insecurity or economic hardship.



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### Implementation and Scope

Launched during the **First Semester of SY 2023–2024**, the program provides regular meal support to financially challenged scholars identified through CAAO’s income-based screening process, which uses **parental gross income and Income Tax Returns (ITRs)** as primary criteria. Grantees are selected from active student beneficiaries under the **Student Assistantship Program (SAP)** and other scholarship schemes.

The *Feed-a-Scholar Program Grantees List (SY 2023–2024 to 2024–2025)* records the names of students receiving meal subsidies each semester. The initiative complements tuition aid and work-study arrangements, ensuring that scholars have consistent access to nutritious meals during class hours

### Social and Developmental Impact

Through the Feed-a-Scholar Program, ADNU addresses one of the most immediate barriers to student retention—daily sustenance. This assistance enables students from poor families to focus on learning and complete their studies without the additional burden of food insecurity. The program reflects ADNU’s integrated approach to student welfare, linking financial aid, psychosocial support, and daily living assistance.

The initiative demonstrates Ateneo de Naga University’s fulfillment of the intent of the indicator: providing structural and sustainable support, such as food assistance, to help low-income students succeed and graduate.

Source: Feed-a-Scholar Program Grantees, SY 2023–2024 to 2024–2025, College Admissions and Aid Office (CAAO), Ateneo de Naga University

