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JUANSTEP ACTIVITIES FOR JUNIOR LEADERS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

The Junior Association of Student and Youth Leaders of the Philippines, Inc. (JUAN-STEP) is a non-stock, non-profit organization registered with the SEC. Aligned with RA 8044 (Youth in Nation Building Act) and the UN SDGs, it empowers youth as key contributors to national building and global development.

For SY 2025-2026, JUANSTEP offers the following activities, which are open to both public and private schools:

- I. Junior Leaders Certification Program
- II. Gawad Sanyapak: 1st Junior Leader Awards Pampanga
- III. JUANSTEP UNSDG-Aligned Advocacies for Junior Leaders

Participation is VOLUNTARY and shall strictly adhere to the no-disruption-ofclasses policy as stated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005, titled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith."

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Dear SDS Alip:

Greetings of Peace!

The Junior Association of Student and Youth Leaders of the Philippines, Inc. (JUAN-STEP) is a non-stock non-profit organization duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. It is an organization established in support of the Youth in Nation Building Act otherwise known as RA 8044 and the call to support the development of youth leaders in the country towards active participation in nation building. JUAN-STEP, Inc. also affiliated itself to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 2030) of the United Nations acknowledging the vital role of the youth as critical thinkers, change makers, innovators, communicators and leaders.

JUAN-STEP Inc. envision itself as the leading and premiere organization of Filipino Junior Leaders comprising of academic student leaders both from public and private educational institutions, non-academic youth organizations and elected youth officials collectively known as the Sangguniang Kabataan, as well as out of school youth leaders in the country towards leadership development and empowerment en route for the youth's active participation in nation building.

JUAN-STEP INC. mission are identified as follows:

- A. Establish a national organization of junior leaders comprising of student leaders from both public and private education institutions, Local Government Units (Sangguniang Kabataan) and various out of school socio civic youth groups/associations
- B. Spearhead the promotion of environmentally responsible and transformative youth leadership
- C. Provide an avenue where junior leaders can advance their leadership skills, foster positive character development, instill nationalism and promote Filipino values-centered leadership and service
- D. Promote collaboration among junior leaders towards the advancement of various community development programs in the pursuit of nation building
- E. Create and collaborate, implement and further develop a sustainable leadership program for the Filipino Youth
- F. Support and be active advocates of the United Nation's SDGs 2030



In this light, we would like to humbly seek your favorable support to our organization's line up of activities for the School Year 2025-2026 through the issuance of an advisory. Participation to the said programs is voluntary.

I. Junior Leaders Certification Program

The Junior Leaders Certification Program is a five-part intensive training workshop designed to advance the leadership skills and capabilities of young leaders.

The multi-faceted approach employed by JUANSTEP, Inc. in crafting this program ensures that participants are not only theoretically prepared but are adept and capable to lead and implement programs and transform them into positive impact champions, change makers and nation builders.

The Five Developmental Domains of the Junior Leaders Certification Programs are as follows:

- 1. Barefoot Leadership Training Workshop across Generations
- 2. Public Speaking Training Workshop and Competition
- 3. 4Cs of the 21st Century Skills Immersive Workshop
- 4. Sustainable Development Goals: A Blueprint for Sustainability and Positive Impact Sustainable Development Project Designing and Crafting Course
- 5. I am Changemaker: Sustainable PPAs and Advocacy Implementation and Stakeholders Collaboration

II. Gawad Sanyapak: 1st Junior Leader Awards Pampanga

The 1st Junior Leader Awards Pampanga is the brainchild and product of collaboration between the Junior Association of Student and Youth Leaders of the Philippines Inc. (JUANSTEP) and the Barefoot Leadership Consultancy and Management. It was conceptualized to serve as the pinnacle event of JUANSTEP for the school year and to celebrate the accomplishments of student leaders from both public and private schools. Likewise, it aims to inspire the next generation of junior leaders and affirm them of the power and responsibility resting in their shoulders to be the sustainable force of change and positive impact in the country.

The Official Categories for the GAWAD Sanyapak: 1st Junior Leader Awards Pampanga are as follows:

- 1. Outstanding Junior Leaders 10 Winners
- 2. Outstanding Junior Organization 10 Winners
- 3. Outstanding Organization Advisers 10 Winners
- 4. Outstanding Academic Institutions 10 Winners
- 5. Special Citation Award: Class Officers 10 Winners
- 6. Most Outstanding Sustainable Development Project in the following fields:
 - 6.1. Entrepreneurship
 - 6.2. Literacy Development
 - 6.3. Disaster and Emergency Response
 - 6.4. Values Formation
 - 6.5. Drug Abuse Control and Vice Prevention
 - 6.6. Leadership and Personality Development
 - 6.7. Environmental Protection and Conservation
 - 6.8. Renewable Energy and Sustainability
 - 6.9. Mental Health and wellness
 - 6.10. Gender Development and Equality



6.11. Culture and History

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6.12. Digital Literacy and Responsibility

The Gawad Sanyapak: Junior Leaders Awards Pampanga is open to the following:

- 1. Supreme Elementary Learner Government
- 2. Junior High Student Leaders (SSLG, Clubs, Academic and Non-Academic Clubs/Organizations)
- 3. Senior High School Student Leaders (SSLG, Clubs, Academic and Non-Academic Clubs/Organizations)

III. JUANSTEP UNSDG-Aligned Advocacies for Junior Leaders

In support to the initiatives of the United Nations through the Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs), JUANSTEP have developed its official advocacy programs for the School Year 2025-26 which student leaders can adopt and implement in their respective localities. These advocacy programs are all aligned with the UNSDGs.

- 1. JUANPLAY: Junior Leaders Pinoy Inspired Leisure Activities for the Youth
- 2. ANGAT as JUAN: Entrepreneurial Empowerment
- 3. JUAN LEAD, JUAN Cares: Reach Out Programs for Immediate Communities
- 4. JUAN BIG IDEA: Innovation Summit for Junior Leaders
- 5. Planet Over Plastic: Waste Management Solutions and Sustainability
- 6. JUAN READY: Disaster and Emergency Response
- 7. JUANLEAD: Junior Leaders Annual Empowerment and Development Program
- 8. PINASINAG: Cultivating Filipino Values
- 9. Barefooted Resilience: Mental Health and Wellness Initiative
- 10. JUAN Click: Digital Literacy

Thank you very much for your preferential time and approval. Rest assured, JUANSTEP is committed towards supporting DEPED Pampanga's initiatives and programs for the youth. God bless po and more power!

We are looking forward for a sustained partnership and productive collaboration!

Respectfully yours,

Mr. Benedict N. Marin

President

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Junior Association of Student and Youth Leaders of the Philippines Inc. (JUANSTEP)

Appendix A



JUNIOR LEADERS' CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Program Inclusions for Learners

*Each learner who enroll in the program will experience and enjoy the following:



- National Level Leadership Speakers/Facilitators
- School Based Whole Day Seminar-Workshop
- A day of learning, fun and unforgettable experience
- Jumpstarts the learner's leadership journey



Public Speaking Workshop and Competition

- National Level Public Speaking Trainers
- Elevate Public Speaking skills of learners
- School level and inter school public speaking competition
- Become the voice for positive change



21st Century Skills Workshop

- Workshop for learners to develop their skills in critical 21st century skills namely; Critical Thinking, Creativity, Communication, and Collaboration
- Help learners improve skills necessary to become successful in studies, employment and future careers



Sustainability and Positive Impact Workshop

- Learners will undergo workshops on UN Sustainability Development Goals
- Sustainability Culture Training
- Challenge for the youth to be the positive change



Project Development Implementation and Exhibit

- Crafting and Execution of Sustainable Development Project
- School Wide Sustainable Development Project Exhibit
- Partnerships with LGUs and other organizations for the implementation of the SDPs

Program Do <mark>main</mark>	Туре	No. of Hours	Tentative Venue/Date	Cost of Investment per Learner
Youth Leadership Training Workshop	Seminar with Workshop	8	School Based / TBA	P 499.00
Public Speaking Immersive Workshop and Competition	Immersive Workshop	8	School Based / TBA	P 399.00
21st Century Skills Workshop	Seminar with Interactive Activities	8	School Based / TBA	P 349.00
Sustainability and Positive Impact Workshop	Workshop with Output Presentation	8	School Based / TBA	P 349.00
Sustainable Development Project Implementation and Exhibit	Workshop with Field Immersion	8	School Based with Community Immersion/TBA	P 349.00



Appendix B Gawad Sanyapak: 1st Junior Leader Awards Pampanga

General Guidelines

- Gawad Sanyapak: 1st Junior Leaders Awards Pampanga is the annual recognition program of the Junior Association of student and Youth Leaders of the Philippines Inc. (JUANSTEP) for student leaders of Pampanga (Division of Pampanga, City of San Fernando, Mabalacat City and Angeles City)
- 2. The program is open for all qualified junior leaders from both public and private schools within the Province of Pampanga. There shall be separate recognition programs for:
 - 2.1. Elementary (Public and Private Schools)
 - 2.2. Junior High School (Public and Private Schools)
 - 2.3. Senior High School (Public and Private Schools)
- 3. The award giving program shall be categorized to the following:
 - 3.1. Search for Outstanding Junior Leaders (10 Winners)
 - 3.2. Search for Outstanding Junior Organization (10 Winners)
 - 3.3. Search for Outstanding Organization Adviser (10 Winners)
 - 3.4. Search for Outstanding Academic Institution (10 Winners)
 - 3.5. Search for Most Outstanding Sustainable Development Project (1 Winner for every field) in the following fields:
 - 3.5.1. Entrepreneurship
 - 3.5.2. Literacy Development
 - 3.5.3. Disaster and Emergency Response
 - 3.5.4. Values Formation
 - 3.5.5. Drug Abuse Control and Vice Prevention
 - 3.5.6. Leadership and Personality Development
 - 3.5.7. Environmental Protection and Conservation
 - 3.5.8. Renewable Energy and Sustainability
 - 3.5.9. Mental Health and wellness
 - 3.5.10. Gender Development and Equality
 - 3.5.11. Culture and History
 - 3.5.12. Digital Literacy and Responsibility
 - 3.6. Special Citation Award Outstanding Class Officers (JHS & SHS levels only)
- 4. The official time table for the Gawad Sanyapak: 1st Junior Leaders Awards Pampanga is as follows:
 - 4.1. Communication/Distribution of Letters to schools: July-August 2025
 - 4.2. Submission of Letter of Intent to participate in Gawad Sanyapak: 1st Junior Leaders Awards
 Pampanga August-September 2025
 - 4.3. Submission of Official List of Nominees: (Date and platforms to be given upon receipt of Letter of Intent)
 - 4.4. Maximum allowed number of nominations shall be:
 - 4.4.1. Elementary: 1 Nomination per Category except for Class Officers and Academic Institution
 - 4.4.2. Junior HS: 3 Nominations per Category except Academic Institution; 1 Nomination for Class Officers
 - 4.4.3. Senior HS: 3 Nominations per category except Academic Institution; 1 Nomination for Class Officers
- 5. Finalization of the Official List of Nominees

November 2025

6. Submission of Documentary Requirements

December 2025

7. Judging and Interview

December 2025-January 2026



8. Finalization of List of Winners

January - February 2026

9. Awards Program

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9.1. Elementary

Proposed date: Last Friday of February 2026

Proposed venue: TBD

9.2. Junior High School

Proposed Date: First Friday of March 2026

Proposed Venue: Kingsborough International Center

9.3. Senior High School

Proposed Date: Second Friday of March 2026

Proposed Venue: Kingsborough International Center

Criteria for Judging (For JHS & SHS)

I. Search for Outstanding Junior Leaders of Pampanga

Leadership Performance40%Peer and Self-Assessment15%Leadership Research/Write Ups10%Panel Interview35%

Total 100%

II. Search for Outstanding Junior Organization of Pampanga

Impact and Achievement 30% Youth Leadership Development 25% Organizational Effectiveness 30%

Communication, Marketing, Platform Utilization 10%

Organization Video Presentation

Total 100%

III. Search for Outstanding Organization Adviser

Leadership and Organizational Skills40%Impact, Innovation, Inspiration20%Contribution to School & Community20%Assessment by Junior Leaders/Student15%Personal Assessment5%

Total 100%

IV. Search for Outstanding Academic Institutions in the Field of Student Leadership and Sustainability

5%

(Official Criteria will be available by September 2025)

V. Special Citation Award: Outstanding Class Officers

VI. Search for Most Outstanding Sustainable Development Project

Project Benefit and Impact 40%
Viability and Alignment to UNSDGs 15%
SCRIN-Q 30%
(Sustainability, Creativity, Replicability, Innovation, Quality)

Presentation/Marketing 15%

Total 100%

Note: The Detailed Mechanics/Guidelines, Criteria and List of Documentary Requirements will be made available on or before August 31, 2025.