



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Cordillera Administrative Region
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BAGUIO CITY



July 29, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. **487-2026**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND INCLUSION
EXCELLENCE AWARDS (FHIEA)**

To: All Public School District Supervisors
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
District Sports Coordinators
Public and Private Teachers
Others Concerned

1. Relative to DM-OUF-2026-1678, titled Call for Nominations for the Financial Health and Inclusion Excellence Awards (FHIEA), this office calls for the submission of nominations on or before July 31, 2026, directly to financialinclusion@bsp.gov.ph.
2. FHIEA of the Financial Inclusion Steering Committee (FISC), chaired by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), aims to recognize outstanding and innovative programs and initiatives that contribute to the attainment of the objectives of the National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) 2022-2028. Awards shall be granted in the following categories:
 - a. Inclusive Digital Finance Innovation;
 - b. Consumer Empowerment and Financial Health; and
 - c. Sectoral Advocacy and Outreach.
3. Interested offices may refer to Annex A (DM-OUF-2026-1678) for further details, including the award criteria, the FISC website and nomination form.
5. For queries and clarifications, please contact the Human Resource Development Division - National Educators Academy of the Philippines in the Region (HRDD-NEAPR) through Rosita C. Agnasi at car.neapr@depd.gov.ph or Samuel F. Babanga at 442-78-49.
6. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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FOR : DEPED REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

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SUBJECT : CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL HEALTH AND
INCLUSION EXCELLENCE AWARDS (FHIEA)

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).

The FHIEA recognizes innovative and impactful programs and initiatives that advance the objectives of the National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) 2022–2028, the Philippines' six (6)-year framework for promoting an inclusive and resilient financial system. Awards shall be conferred for excellence in the following categories:

1. Inclusive digital finance innovation;
2. Consumer empowerment and financial health; and
3. Sectoral advocacy and outreach

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:

Evaluation Criteria	Weight	Required Information
Outcomes and impact	30%	Proof of measurable improvements in financial health and inclusion outcomes (e.g., increase in the number of unbanked with newly opened transaction accounts, users of financial products and services).



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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.