

DSWD resumes implementation of Government Internship Program

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) will resume the implementation of the Government Internship Program (GIP) this May after its deferment in 2020 and 2021 in consideration of the safety and protection of the youth from the COVID-19 pandemic.

GIP is one of the components of the Kabataan 2000 program of the Philippine government. It aims to provide an opportunity for both out-of-school and in-school youth to have a hands-on experience of working in different government agencies. The experience introduces the youth to public service which can later help them as they eventually join the workforce.

The assessment of GIP applications for youth aged 19-25 years and in senior high school or college level will begin this 2nd week of May. As one of the criteria to qualify for the program, the family income of the applicants must not be more than the current poverty threshold of Php12,082. They are also required to present their COVID-19 vaccination cards.

A total of 80 slots will be available for each DSWD-Field Office while 35 slots will be accommodated in the DSWD Central Office in Batasan, Quezon City.

The qualified GIP participants will have to render 30 working days of service and will receive a stipend of 75% of the existing wage rate in the region.

GIP participants who will be assigned to various work stations based on their assessed skills in the Central Office will be scheduled in two separate batches as part of the safety measures. Among the regular office work that they will be

performing include encoding, report writing, and assisting in the implementation of key programs of the Department. Meanwhile, the GIP participants in DSWD Field Offices will render service to their respective LGUs with the same assigned tasks.

Over the years, the program has helped youth gain useful experience in public service and learn the value of earning from the fruits of their hard work. ###