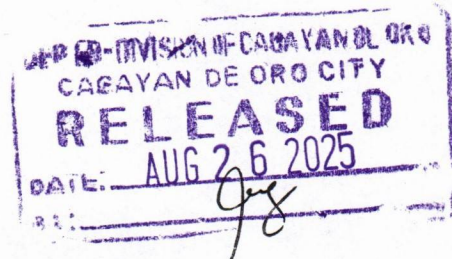




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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent



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August 19, 2025

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**ANNUAL COMPETITION OF "AKO AY PILIPINO"
INNER WHEEL CLUBS OF THE PHILIPPINES Inc. (IWCPI)**

The Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines, Inc. Uptown CDO (IWCPI) will be holding an annual competition of "Ako ay Pilipino", a national-level essay writing competition among Grade-12 students in public schools.

The objective of this project is to heighten citizenship awareness in our youth thereby promoting love of country, patriotism, pride in being a Filipino, respect for elders and authority, emulation of our culture and traditions, appreciation of our culture heritage, and promotion of friendly competition among our youth.

A. National Prize of the competition is as follows:

Grand Prize Winner - PhP 120,000.000 scholarship fund intended
for 4-year college scholarship equivalent to 8 semesters

B. Identified Participating Schools:

1. Gusa Regional Science High School
2. Kauswagan National High School
3. Cagayan de Oro (CDO) National High School – Senior High School
4. Lumbia National High School
5. Bulua National High School

The chosen participating students in the above-mentioned schools are invited for an interview and evaluation to represent the Inner Wheel Club of Uptown CDO in the District Level Competition in November 2025. Exact schedule and venue for the interview and evaluation will be posted in the separate advisory.

Attached herewith are the copies of the invitation letter and guidelines for the above-mentioned competition.

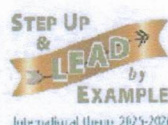
Thank you very much.

DA-0010-CID-HRL/ "Ako ay Pilipino" Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines Uptown CDO
August 22, 2025



**INNER WHEEL CLUBS OF THE PHILIPPINES INC.
INNER WHEEL CLUB OF UPTOWN CAGAYAN DE ORO
DISTRICT 385**

Theme 2025-2026: 'Step Up and Lead by Example'



August 12, 2025

MR. ROY ANGELO E. GAZO, PhD., CESO V

Schools Division Superintendent
Department of Education Region 10
Cagayan de Oro City

Dear **Dr. Gazo:**

Greetings!

The Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines, Inc. (IWCPPI) will be holding an annual competition of 'Ako Ay Pilipino', a national-level essay writing competition among Grade 12 students in public schools.

The objective of this project is to heighten citizenship awareness in our youth thereby promoting love of country, patriotism, pride in being a Filipino, respect for elders and authority, emulation of our culture and traditions, appreciation of our cultural heritage, and promotion of friendly competition among our youth.

The Grand Prize of this competition is a scholarship fund in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php120,000.00) intended for a 4-year college scholarship equivalent to eight (8) semesters. The recipient of this 4-year college scholarship fund is the First Prize Winner of the National Level of the 'Ako Ay Pilipino' Contest after besting all the other contestants from the other Districts.

This year, the Inner Wheel Club of Uptown CDO will no longer hold the usual Club Level Competition. The Clubs under all Districts were given the option to choose their contestant from any of the Public Schools in their respective Cities to represent each Club. Whoever will be chosen by the Club will compete in the District Level Competition scheduled sometime in November 2025 in Cagayan de Oro City. The winner in the District Level Competition will compete with other winners from other districts in the National Level Competition.

In this regard, we are pleased to inform you that our Club has identified five schools, namely Gusa Regional Science High School (X-SHS), Kauswagan National High School (NHS), CDO NHS – Senior High School, Lumbia NHS & Bulua NHS, to represent our Club. We will be inviting the best students of the Five (5) Schools for an interview and for us to evaluate who will represent the Inner Wheel Club of Uptown CDO in the District Level Competition in November 2025. We will inform you of the exact date, time, and venue of the interview once finalized.

Enclosed herewith are copies of the criteria and guidelines for the competition as mentioned earlier.

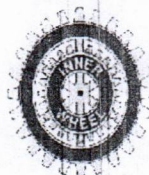
Thank you very much.

Yours in service and friendship,

MARLUNA M. MACMANG
President

EPPIE MARIE P. MANUTA
Chairperson, Ako Ay Pilipino Contest

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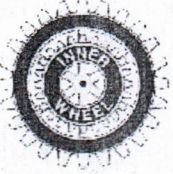
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“AKO AY PILIPINO” CONTEST

RATING CRITERIA

I.	PERSONALITY	10%
	A. GENERAL APPEARANCE	5%
	1. Is the contestant neat and clean?	
	2. Is the contestant well-groomed?	
	B. POISE	5%
	1. Does he/she appear self-confident, alert and well-mannered?	
	2. How does he/she carry himself?	
II.	ON THE SPOT ESSAY CONTEST	40%
	A. CONTENT	10%
	1. Relevance – Are all his/her ideas relevant to the topic?	
	2. Coherence – Are the ideas binded together so clearly that the reader can easily follow the progress of the thoughts?	
	3. Unity – Is his/her essay developed towards a single definite purpose?	
	4. Emphasis – Are important ideas well emphasized? Are different techniques used to emphasize his/her points?	
	B. ORGANIZATION	10%
	1. Outline – Is the topic developed following a definite outline that makes the presentation clear and effective?	
	2. Relationship – Are the ideas so presented that the reader can easily see the relationship of ideas?	
	3. Emphasis – Are the main and most important topics put at the beginning and the end of the essay?	
	4. Effectiveness – Are the sub-topics coordinate in importance? Do they support the main topics?	
	C. STYLE	10%
	1. Sincerity and Naturalness – Are the words used carry conviction?	
	2. Variety – Is there variety in the presentation of ideas that makes the essay interesting to read?	
	3. Method – Is the method, induction or deduction, used effectively in putting across his thoughts?	
	4. Clarity – Did the writer choose his words with precision that the meaning was immediately made clear to the reader?	
	D. MECHANICS	10%
	1. Is the writer knowledgeable in the correct usage of grammar (agreement, tenses, etc.), punctuation, spelling, capitalization and syllabication?	
	2. Is the paper presented in its proper manuscript form (paragraphing, margins, etc)?	
III.	ON THE SPOT ORAL INTERVIEW	50%
	A. General information on local and foreign issues	10%
	B. Originality and significance of answers (reflects basic Filipino values and self-reliance)	8%
	C. Perception, depth, and keenness in understanding of the theme and the questions asked	8%
	D. Proficiency in oral communication	8%
	E. Impact and effectiveness of answers	8%
	F. Organization of thoughts	8%
	TOTAL POINTS	100%



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"AKO AY PILIPINO CONTEST" GUIDELINES , IWY 2025-2026

I. RATIONALE

The "Ako ay Pilipino" contest was conceptualized as a search for talented, promising, physically healthy **AND PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED** young Filipino, either male or female, whose leadership potential and evident love for our country and its people should be nurtured that the winners may be effective participants in community development.

This is a unique contest in the sense that it intends to measure the depth of the contestants' perceptions on the subject of NATIONALISM based on his/her active participation and experience as a student in community development and to translate and impart these perceptions in proficient written and oral communications. It is meant to judge the contestants on their own worth, free from the influences of their well-meaning coaches and tutors.

Since the contest is anchored on NATIONALISM, from the very start the purpose should be so defined as to elicit strong civic awareness and a competitive spirit, meant for translation to a forceful participatory responsibility not only while in school monitored through progress reports but also in the community and ultimately enhanced thereafter.

It is designed to give preference to those from less-privileged families to enable them to obtain the applicable college education otherwise beyond their reach. Furthermore, it means to be an Inner Wheel vehicle for youth development, which is one of its abiding concerns.

To highlight the purpose of the competition, it is vital to enlist media coverage, to build up the winner's self-esteem, results of the contest at all level be publized.

II. RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. ELIGIBILITY –

1. Of good moral character
2. A bona fide and graduating high school student (Grade 12) for the current school year in any recognized public high school within the territorial limits of the club/district
3. Above average in scholastic (at least 85%) and extra-curricular activities and has a strong awareness of love of country, and effectively cooperates in home, community, national and/or international affairs
4. Belongs to a family whose parents' combined annual income do not exceed **One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P150,000) for DISTRICTS 377, 379, 382, 385 and 386 OR Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P200,000) for DISTRICTS 378, 380, 381, 383 (effective IWY2017-2018)**

B. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS - The following documents shall be submitted:

1. Student's Application Form (Form 1), duly accomplished, countersigned by the Inner Wheel Club President/District Chairman. Attach two (2) copies of 2" x 2" photograph of the applicant.
2. Certification/s from the Classroom Adviser and Principal stating that the contestant;
 - a. Is of good moral character
 - b. Is a bona fide and graduating high school student (Grade 12) for the current school year; and
 - c. Is involved in extra-curricular activities
3. Student's Scholastic Record Form (Form 137)
4. Latest Income Tax Returns of parents or Certification of Income by the Barangay Captain concerned.
5. Contestant's Rating and Ranking Sheet. (Form 2)
6. Contest's Summary of Results. (Form 3)
7. Contest's Final Results. (Form 4)

C. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

Club Level – For submission to the District Chairman not later than **October 31, 2025**

District Level – For Submission to National AAP Chairman, not later than **November 30, 2025**

(Pertinent records on the National Winner shall be kept at the IWCPH Headquarters.)

D. RULES ON THE CONTEST PROPER

1. The contest for the Club, District, and National Levels shall consist of ON-THE-SPOT
 - a. Essay writing and
 - b. Oral interview and examination
2. The topic must be original and must be developed and written on the spot:
 - a. In either English or Filipino/Tagalog
 - b. From 500 to 1000 words
3. No two contestants shall come from the same school
4. There shall only be one (1) Winner in the following level of competition:
 - a. Club Levels who shall compete in the District Level. (Note: Ako ay Pilipino Contest in the Club Level is optional)
 - b. District Level, who shall compete in the National Level
 - c. National Level
5. The ranking system shall be used in the selection of winners in the three levels of competition. (Please see forms attached)
6. The following details shall be left to the discretion of the Club President and District Chairman:
 - a. District Level Competition – to be conducted not later than November 30, 2025.
 - b. The selection of Chairman and members of the Board of Judges of the District Level Competition shall not have participated in the Club Level Contest.

In the same way the Chairman and members of the Board of Judges at the District Level Competition shall not participate in the National Level Competition to avoid bias and suspicion.
7. Contestants shall only be identified by their numbers drawn immediately before the contest commences. Use of pen names and school uniforms are not allowed to avoid identification.
8. The names of the District Champion together with their pertinent records shall be submitted to the AAP National Chairman not later than November 30, 2025.
9. The date, time and venue of the National Competition shall be decided and announced by the National Board to the National Level contestants through their respective District Chairmen.

contestant No. 1 answers the question one at a time. Contestant No. 1 is given 2

minutes to develop/answer each question. A timer will be assigned to signal that

the 2 minute period is over.

12. After Contestant No. 1 has answered the three (3) questions. he/she takes her assigned seat on the stage.
13. Contestant No. 2 is then ushered on stage by the marshal.
14. Step Nos. 11 and 12 are repeated until all the contestants have taken their designated seats on the stage.
15. Judges reconvene once more to tally the scores and to deliberate on them.
16. After careful deliberation, the Chairman of the Board of Judges announces the results of the contest which become final and un-appealable (No tie).
17. All other matters regarding the contest contrary to the foregoing guidelines shall be decided upon by a committee composed of the following:

National Level:

- a. All District Chairmen present
- b. National Chairman – Ako Ay Pilipino Contest
- c. NATIONAL PRESIDENT

District Level:

- a. All Club President
- b. District Chairman
- c. Committee Chairman – Ako Ay Pilipino (District Level)

IV. RATING CRITERIA (See Attached)

V. PRIZE (To be announced)