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For more information, please contact Mr. Aaron Ralph F. Cruz, OIC of BCYF Big Flood Events at bcyf.bigfloodevents@gmail.com/0961-390-9095.

Attached is the DepEd RO1 Advisory No. 04, s. 2026 for further reference.

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Benita & Catalino Yap Foundation

January 6, 2026

To whom it may concern,

Good day!



The Benita & Catalino Yap Foundation (BCYF) is proud to announce that the 8th iteration of the BCYF Innovation Awards (BIA) is now accepting nominations!

This award is a core component of BCYF's comprehensive social development program. It recognizes innovation in many aspects of life, which include but are not limited to, government service, SMEs, education, technology, industry, and health sciences.

The BIA is a BCYF project in partnership with Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation, through their flagship enterprise development program: Shell LiveWIRE. The awardee shall receive Php 1,000,000 cash prize.

Moreover, this initiative of BCYF in promoting innovation has been recognized by the government, under Proclamation No. 172, when President Rodrigo Duterte declared the 3rd Week of February 2017 as "Philippine Innovation Week."

For your ready reference on the BCYF Innovation Awards 2026, attached herewith is the official briefer, along with other materials about Benita & Catalino Yap Foundation. It is our hope that you will be able to recommend an individual, group, or organization for nomination.

Please take note that the deadline for nominations is on February 16, 2026, while the BIA Awards Night will be on February 27, 2026 at Club Filipino, San Juan City.

If you have any questions or clarifications, you may reach out to me using the given details. Thank you!



Very respectfully yours,
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WHAT IS INNOVATION?

Innovation may be a product, service, technology, or an initiative, that when applied, is able to transform the organization or sector concerned in a demonstrable and measurable improvement impact and is sustainable.



**1 MILLION
PESO CASH
PRIZE**



The **BCYF INNOVATION AWARD** can be for any aspect of life or business such as, but not limited to **GOVERNMENT SERVICE, SMEs, EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, INDUSTRY, AND HEALTH SCIENCES**

BACKGROUND

The Award is part of BCYF's Comprehensive Social Development Program, which consists of PSR - Research, Education, Events, and Developmental Social Enterprise. It was conceived as a result of meeting various organizations and young people who have implemented innovative initiatives that improve their operations and their areas of concern.

The concept for the Award underwent rigorous discussions over time. For a country like the Philippines, and a region like the ASEAN, the five categories were selected because they represent sectors that significantly influence society.

Through the Shell LiveWIRE Program, the global flagship enterprise program of Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation that promotes entrepreneurship, innovation and meaningful employment, the awardee shall receive the 1 Million Pesos cash prize to be used for business upgrades, additions, expansion, or any other steps in order to elevate the innovation.

<https://www.bcyfoundation.org/bcyinnovationaward>

CRITERIA OF THE AWARD

1. The Innovation must have been implemented in a viable, functioning and registered organization and/or business for at least two years with a positive cash basis. The innovation must have material impact on the company.
2. There must be a stability of management as proven by Job Description, Work Assignments and Employment Contracts.
3. There must be better-than-sufficient technical facilities, laboratory equipment and technology investment support, including training of appropriate and adequate personnel.
4. There must be proven commitment to sharing the Innovation with others.
5. There must be better-than-full compliance with the letter and intent of all applicable local, national and international rules and regulations.
6. There must be proof of no administrative, civil, or criminal action related to the company, the innovation, or individuals involved in the innovation in all jurisdictions local and foreign.
7. There must be timely submission of all supports and attachments as required by the BIA Search Committee.

REQUIREMENTS



I. SUBMISSION OF REQUIREMENTS

1. A 5-minute or less video from the Nominee explaining why they deserve to be the BIA Awardee
2. Proof of existence of innovation such as but not limited to high resolution photos, videos, maps, endorsements, submitted or approved government papers, etc.
3. Discussion of innovation's idea-development, piloting, and commercial operations and prospects, viability and sustainability in writing through the body of the email.
4. Notarized and/or certified submissions are preferred
5. Proof of initiation, start, completion, or ownership of innovation by the Nominee
6. Bio-data or resume with current picture, certification and background of individual, organization and/or team
7. Signed "Privacy" Attachment

II. NOMINATION PROCESS

1. Anyone can nominate. Self-nomination is highly encouraged.
2. There is no cost involved in the nominations.
3. The nominee must complete all requirements as indicated in the Submission Requirements list prior to sending.
4. All nominations must be notarized and soft-copies must be submitted to bcyfinnovationaward.bia@gmail.com
5. All submitted materials become the property of BCYF. The innovation obviously remains the property of the nominee. BCYF will have no claim, whatsoever, over the innovation.

III. HOW TO SUBMIT THE NOMINATIONS

1. Nominations with complete requirements must be emailed to:
bcyfinnovationaward.bia@gmail.com
2. Original copies of the requirements must be mailed to:
BCYF Innov8 Office (BIA Secretariat)
Saint Mutien College
Don Cornelio Subd., McArthur Highway Dau,
Mabalacat City, Pampanga 2010
DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 16, 2026
SCREENING: FEBRUARY 19, 2026
AWARDS NIGHT: FEBRUARY 27, 2026

Note: Submitted documents will become properties of BCYF. Any inaccurate or inadvertent representation may merit disqualification. BCYF reserves the right to accept or reject any nomination, and process accordingly. All BCYF decisions are final.

THE AWARD PROCESS

The following flowchart details the award process which all nominees in the BCYF Innovation Awards, as well as other recognition programs of BCYF, must undergo.

1

The BIA Committee will accept and review submitted nominations. This committee receives nominations, or add its own nominees.

2

From this, members of the BIA Committee will interview the nominees then decide who will be the Finalists, and recommend who will be the Awardee/s.

3

The BCYF Board of Trustees will review the recommendation from the BIA Committee, and decide who shall be the Awardee/s.



THE BCYF INNOVATION AWARDS COMMITTEE **

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Chairman, BIA Committee
President, Sun Life PH

MR. SERGIO ORTIZ-LUIS, JR.

Member, BIA Committee
Member, BCYF Advisory Council
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President/CEO, STI College Santa Rosa

MR. ARTHUR ALVENDIA

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Member, BCYF Advisory Council
Former Director General, Technology Resource Center

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Member, BIA Committee
Chairman, BCYF Agri-Network for Development
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Chairman

DR. RONALD GALINDO
Dean, College of Engineering, CTU
BCYF Finalist 2024

BIA SEARCH IN AGRI-BUSINESS
Chairman

MR. JOSH MAHINAY
Co-Founder, PhilSEED
DSEA Finalist 2016

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

ATTY. J. ANTON YAP
Exec. VP, BCYF
President, Saint Mutien College

* = For confirmation



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the BIA?

The BCYF Innovation Award recognizes individuals, teams or organizations who have initiated or developed an Innovation which has improved a process or business/organization.

Who may nominate?

Anyone can nominate. Self-nomination is also encouraged.

Who or what can be nominated?

The Award recognizes Innovation undertaken by a person or a group or an organization that have measurable and demonstrable tangible results improving their operations or their areas of concern.

If an innovation is an iteration of an innovation that has been created or implemented previously by another person/group/organization elsewhere, there should be a provable change in the innovation nominated for it to be qualified in the BCYF Innovation Awards.

All nominations and other supports submitted should be notarized.

How can I submit a nomination?

Nominations can be submitted through the online nomination submission system at the BCYF Innovation Awards Facebook page, through our Media Partners, e.g. RMN.

What are the categories available for the Award?

There are 6 categories:

1. Government Service
2. Small-Medium Enterprises (SMEs)
3. Education
4. Technology
5. Industry
6. Health Sciences

Other Innovations may be considered on a case-to case basis.

Can I enter a nomination in more than one category?

Yes, but it has to be a different innovation.

<https://www.bcyfoundation.org/bcyfinnovationawards>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Yes, as long as you are able to identify a new innovation in the nomination, you are eligible to enter again.

If an innovation has won an Award already under another award-giving body, can I still nominate that innovation in the BCYF Innovation Awards?

Yes, as long as it meets the requirements set by the BCYF Innovation Awards Permanent Committee.

What will happen to the requirements/materials submitted to the BCYF Secretariat (BCYF-SABRE) after the Awards period?

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THE AWARDEES



ENGR. CRISPIN MUYRONG JR. | 2017 - Sunlight Foods Corp.

Introduced several innovations such as the use of a 1.1-kilowatt evaporative air cooler instead of four units of 2-horsepower conventional freon-operated air-conditioning unit for cooling a 100-square-meter processing area and dropped their power consumption by P418.74 daily, or P120,597 on an annual basis.



Onelab, DOST |

2017- Represented by Usec. Brenda Nazareth-Manzano

OneLab is an innovation in service delivery that virtually integrates 21 regional and research institute laboratories of DOST, as well as seven other non-DOST laboratories all over the country into a network. The aim is to provide easy-access and wide-ranging service offerings to the manufacturing industries and the general public at a single touch point.



ALVIRA CESAR-REYES | 2017 - Bote Central

Developed the Rearden Roaster coffee-roasting machine to help coffee farmers improve their income. The Rearden Roaster is a 2-kilo batch roaster machine capable of roasting different kinds of beans from moisture levels of the coffee bean between 11 percent and 18 percent.



JONATHAN SUY | 2018 - Ana's Breeders Farm

The leading integrated poultry farm producers of high-quality Broiler Chicken Meat in the Philippines. Its range of operations comprises Feed Mill Plants, Parent Stock Farms, Hatchery, Broiler Farms, Dressing Plant, Cold Storage Facility, and Meat Processing Plant. Their products are highly appreciated for their high nutritional content for their natural guaranteed clean, fresh, canned foods and frozen meat.



DR. MA. JOSEFINA ABILAY | 2021 - DOST MIMAROPA

Cited for her notable contributions to the socio-economic development of the MIMAROPA Region, particularly in the space of poverty alleviation and disaster risk reduction and management and climate change adaptation. DOST-MIMAROPA is at forefront of creating sustainable innovative S&T solutions to long-standing challenges.



MA. OLIVIA PUENTESPINA | 2021 - Malagos Cheese

Founder of Malagos Food Inc., a Filipino corporation based in Davao City. This Farm to Fork enterprise raises dairy animals for processing over 20 kinds of natural artisanal cheeses.



DR. CLARISSA DOMINGO

2022 - Blitzkrieg Animal Diagnostic Center

Dr. Clarissa Yvonne Jueco-Domingo is a licensed veterinarian, a public health advocate of ONE HEALTH, and a multi-awarded researcher and educator. Her main interest is in assembling optimized molecular and nanotechnology diagnostic protocols of swine and poultry viral infections into novel, rapid, accurate but affordable test kits.



DR. FRANCIS ALDRIN UY

2023 - Usher Technologies

USHER is Structural Health Monitoring System was built with the aim of providing hindsight, in-depth understanding of how the environment can affect structures, raising earthquake information awareness, assisting stakeholders with building code compliance and instigating preparedness.



MARIAH MIKAELA CHUA

2024 - CP Health Innovations

Ms. Mariah Mikhaela Chua, Co-founder and Chief Operating Officer of CP Health Innovations. Her groundbreaking work on the CareGo Health Suite, a cost-effective and user-friendly clinic management application, has revolutionized administrative health operations in both public and private health facilities. This innovative solution is streamlining processes and making healthcare more efficient and accessible for all.



DR. DANA G. VERA CRUZ

2025 - TILAPIA ICE CREAM & COOKIES

Dr. Vera Cruz's groundbreaking work is creating Daerrys Tilapia Ice Cream and Cookies, an innovative solution that transforms tilapia into delicious, high-protein desserts loved by children and non-fish eaters alike. Her work exemplifies how creativity and science can address real-world challenges, from promoting better nutrition to supporting local farmers and sustainable practices.

