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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Honor graduates earned their place in the academic sphere. Their reputation precedes them. They possess arcane wisdom shared only by a few. Hard work is what propels their brilliant ideas and their firm determination brings them to fruition. Recognitions and plaques are mere tokens of their scholastic achievement. There should be more.

The government would do well to bankroll their post-graduate education, which is the next logical step for them to take. Their success rate is one hundred percent. Their track record of excellence guarantees their next level victories. It would be in the best interest of the nation to fund their continuing education and guarantee their pursuit of advanced studies. Their collective success would greatly contribute to nation building.

Every honor graduate should thus be able to pursue graduate studies in a manner that does not take away from their domestic economy.

The immediate passage of this proposed measure is most earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO HONOR GRADUATES TO PURSUE GRADUATE STUDIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Be it enacted in the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines in Congress assembled`*

**SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "Academic Premium on Honor Graduates Act."

**SEC 2.** There shall hereby be provided scholarship grants to honor graduates, as follows:

<i>Summa Cum Laude:</i>	100 percent scholarship grant
<i>Magna Cum Laude:</i>	50 percent scholarship grant
<i>Cum Laude:</i>	30 percent scholarship grant

**SEC. 3.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the 2020 appropriations of the Commission on Higher Education. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,