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About the Program*

PAG-ASA, PAGBASA is a reading and reflection program that encourages young people to discover new perspectives through books. Participants will read a selected book and write a reflective essay discussing their realizations, lessons learned, and how they can apply these lessons in their lives and communities.

* Program Availability: The continuation of Pag-asa, Pagbasa is subject to the availability of funds.



READ. REFLECT. REVIEW. APPLY.

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Who May Participate

Open to young people willing to read, reflect, and submit an original essay.

Only 20 slots are available. Sulong Kabataan will select 20 participants from registered applicants. Registration does not guarantee acceptance.

Program Mechanics

1. **Register**. Complete the official registration form. Only 20 selected applicants will be notified of acceptance.
2. **Read and submit**. Follow the official reading list and complete each book within two weeks. Submit an original reflection essay in PDF format through the designated Google Drive link.



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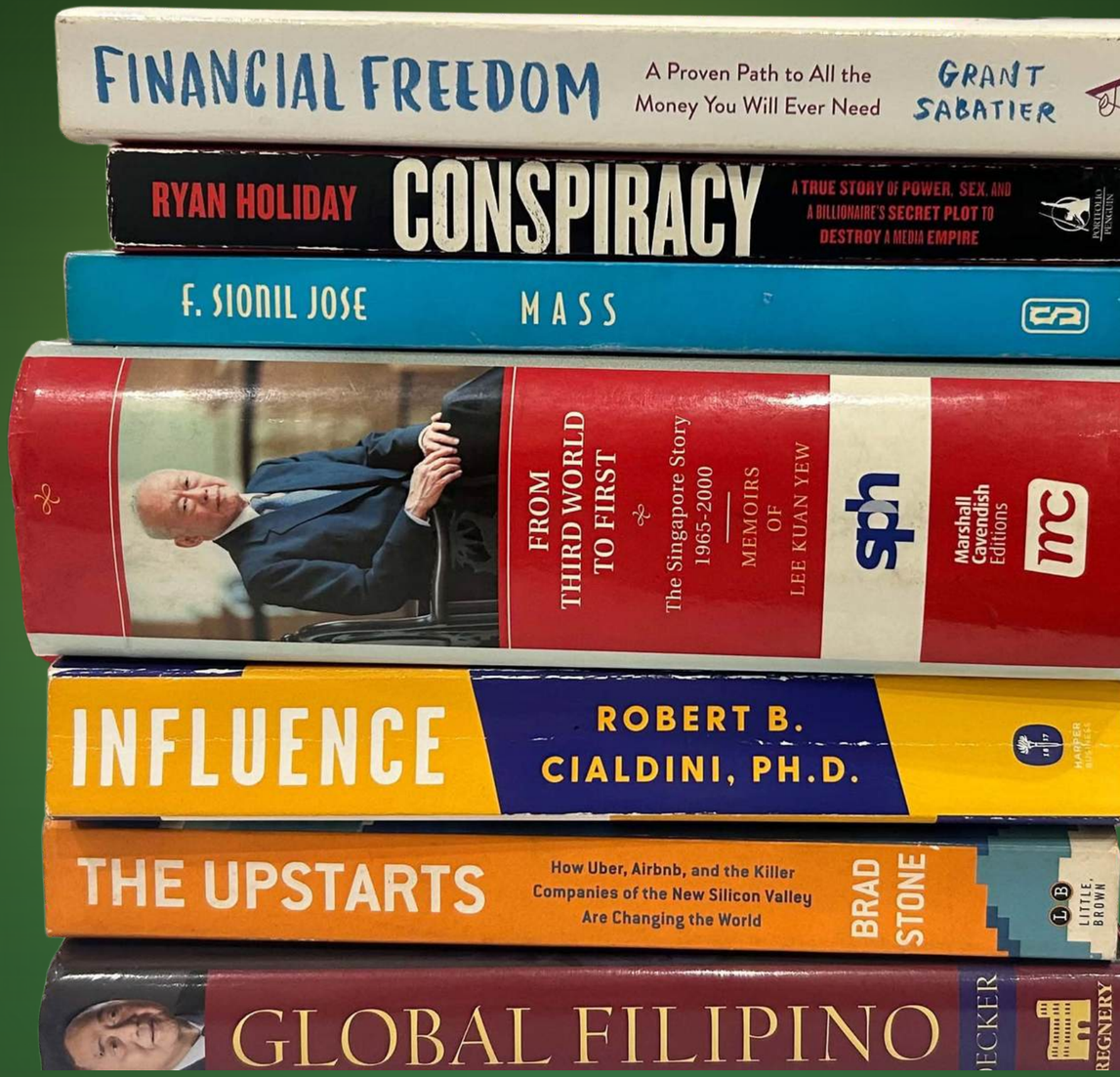
Program Mechanics (continued)

3. **Reflect and apply**. Go beyond summarizing the book. Share your insights, lessons learned, challenged perspectives, and how you intend to apply them in real life.
4. **Peer review**. Each selected participant must read and proofread one reflection essay written by a fellow participant, providing constructive feedback while respecting the author's original work.
5. **Earn allowances**. Receive ₱300 for each qualified reflection essay, plus ₱200 for successfully inviting five additional people to like and follow Sulong Kabataan's Facebook page and join its mailing list by registering on the website, subject to verification.

Reflection Guide

Use these questions* to guide your essay:

- What lessons or ideas stood out to you?
- Did the book challenge or strengthen your beliefs?
- How do its lessons relate to your experiences or community?
- What realizations did you gain, and how will you apply them?



* **Note:** You don't need to answer every question. Use them to develop a clear, cohesive reflection essay.

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Essay Requirements

1. Length: 800 to 1200 words
2. Language: English, Filipino, or a combination of both
3. File format: PDF
4. File name: Surname_FirstName_BookTitle
5. Essay title: Participants are encouraged to create an original title that reflects their main realization.

Originality and Responsible Writing

1. All papers must be the participant's original work.
2. Proper acknowledgment must be given to direct quotations or ideas taken from the book or other sources.
3. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified.
4. Participants must write their own essays. The use of artificial intelligence to write any part of an essay is prohibited.



Recognition

Participants who complete the reading requirements and submit a qualified reflection essay will:

1. Receive special recognition from Sulong Kabataan;
2. Be eligible to be featured on Sulong Kabataan's platforms or publications; and
3. Receive the applicable allowances outlined in the Program Mechanics.

Note: All essays must meet the program requirements, pass originality screening, and be submitted within the deadline to qualify for recognition and allowances.



Nation building

PAG-ASA, PAGBASA goes beyond finishing a book or writing a report to receive an allowance. It is about understanding what we read, reflecting on what it means, and applying what we learn to rebuild our communities and improve the lives of our people.

Through every book, we encounter new ways of seeing the world. Through reflection, we discover how those ideas can become a source of hope and meaningful change. Through application, we rebuild our nation, one community at a time.



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