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Advisory No. 086, s. 2026
November 18, 2026
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INVITATION TO ANGELES UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION (AUF) AWIT- PASKUHAN 2026 COMPETITION

The attached Regional Memorandum No. 497 s. 2026, **Invitation to Angeles University Foundation (AUF) Awit-Paskuhan 2026 Competition** is in response with the herein communication of Dr. Cavin F. Pamintuan, Vice President for External Affairs, Angeles University Foundation announcing the **Awit-Paskuhan 2026**, an **annual inter-high school choir competition** organized by the AUF Center for Culture and the Arts.

The competition **aims to harness and develop the musical talents and skills** of learners, **foster unity**, **cooperation**, and **friendship among schools** through **healthy competition**, and **provide a meaningful platform for artistic expression.**

Please refer to **items Nos.3 and 4** of the attached Regional Memorandum, for the **target participants**, **schedules of the major competition activities** and the **venue.**

Participation in this activity is **voluntary** and **subject to the no-disruption-of-classes policy** stipulated in existing DepEd rules and regulations.

For complete details on **eligibility**, **participation requirements**, **competition guidelines**, and **criteria for judging**, please refer to the attached **Awit-Paskuhan 2026 Rules and Regulations**, or contact the AUF Center for Culture and the Arts via email at connect@auf.edu.ph or telephone at (045) 625-2888 local 1783, for other inquiries and further coordination.

For the information, guidance, and compliance of all concerned.

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 497, s. 2026

INVITATION TO ANGELES UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION (AUF) AWIT-PASKUHAN 2026 COMPETITION

To : Schools Division Superintendents
Chiefs, Curriculum Implementation Division
All Others Concerned

1. Attached herewith is a communication from Dr. Cavin F. Pamintuan, Vice President for External Affairs, Angeles University Foundation (AUF), announcing the conduct of the **AUF *Awit-Paskuhan* 2026**, an annual inter-high school choir competition organized by the AUF Center for Culture and the Arts.

2. The competition aims to harness and develop the musical talents and skills of learners, foster unity, cooperation, and friendship among schools through healthy competition, and provide a meaningful platform for artistic expression.

3. The activity is open to bona fide Junior and Senior High School students currently enrolled in public and private secondary schools in Pampanga. Schools implementing the Special Program in the Arts (SPA), particularly those offering music-related programs, are highly encouraged to participate.

4. The major competition activities shall be held at the AUF St. Cecilia's Auditorium on the following schedules:

1. Elimination Round	November 21, 2026, 9:00 AM	AUF St. Cecilia's Auditorium
2. General Rehearsal for Grand Finalists	December 9, 2026, 2:00 PM	
3. Grand Finals	December 10, 2026, 3:00 PM	

5. Participation of students and teacher-coaches from both public and private schools is purely voluntary and shall be subject to the no-disruption-of-classes policy stipulated in existing DepEd guidelines, ensuring as well that learners participate without compromising their prescribed learning time and regular academic responsibilities.

6. For complete details on eligibility, participation requirements, competition guidelines, and criteria for judging, please refer to the attached *Awit-Paskuhan* 2026 Rules and Regulations, or contact the AUF Center for Culture and the Arts via email at connect@auf.edu.ph or telephone at (045) 625-2888 local 1783, for other inquiries and further coordination.

7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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TOLENTINO G. AQUINO
Regional Director

Encl.: As stated
References: Letter of Request
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

ANGELES UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION COMPETITION	AWIT-PASKUHAN 2026 INVITATION

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November 16, 2026

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ANGELES UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

November 3, 2026

DR. TOLENTINO G. AQUINO, CESO III
Regional Director
Department of Education – Region III
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Subject: Request for the Issuance of a DepEd Regional Memorandum on the Conduct of the AUF Awit-Paskuhan 2026

Dear **Director Aquino**:

Warm greetings!

Angeles University Foundation (AUF), through its Center for Culture and the Arts, respectfully requests the issuance of a DepEd Regional Memorandum announcing and encouraging the participation of public and private secondary schools in Pampanga in the **AUF Awit-Paskuhan 2026**, an annual inter-high school choir competition organized by the University.

The competition aims to harness and develop the God-given talents and skills of students, foster unity, cooperation, and friendship among schools through healthy competition, and provide young learners with a meaningful opportunity to showcase their musical abilities.

In particular, we wish to encourage schools implementing the **Special Program in the Arts (SPA)**, especially those offering music-related programs, to participate in this initiative as an avenue for further developing their students' artistic and musical talents.

To ensure that participation will not interfere with the delivery of instruction, the competition activities have been scheduled toward the end of **Instructional Block – Term 2**, thereby allowing students to participate without compromising their prescribed learning time and regular academic responsibilities.

For reference, the major competition activities are as follows:

Activity	Date and Time	Venue
Elimination Round	November 21, 2026, 9:00 AM	AUF St. Cecilia's Auditorium
General Rehearsal for Grand Finalists	December 9, 2026, 2:00 PM	AUF St. Cecilia's Auditorium
Grand Finals	December 10, 2026, 3:00 PM	AUF St. Cecilia's Auditorium

The competition is open to bona fide junior and senior high school students currently enrolled in public and private schools in Pampanga. The attached **Rules and Regulations** provide the complete details on eligibility, participation requirements, competition guidelines, and criteria for judging.

In this regard, we respectfully seek the support of your good office in issuing a Regional Memorandum to disseminate the information and invite eligible schools to participate in this year's competition.

We believe that initiatives such as Awit-Paskuhan contribute to the holistic development of learners by providing meaningful opportunities to nurture their talents, build confidence, and appreciate the value of collaboration and artistic expression.

We sincerely hope for your favorable consideration and continued partnership in promoting arts education and supporting the development of our learners in Central Luzon.

Thank you very much for your support.

Respectfully yours,

[redacted]

DR. CAVIN F. PAMINTUAN
Vice President for External Affairs
Angeles University Foundation

Attachment: Awit-Paskuhan 2026 Rules & Regulations

ANGELES UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION
Angeles City

CENTER FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
(Elimination Round)

SCHOOL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

MOBIILE NO.: _____

GROUP NAME: _____

CONDUCTOR: _____

NO. OF PARTICIPANTS: _____

(Pls. attach names of the participants)

TITLE OF THE PIECE: _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PIECE:

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I. OBJECTIVES

The Angeles University Foundation (AUF) Awit-Paskuhan is an annual inter-high school
choir competition open to both public and private institutions in the region.

Its objectives are:

1) To harness and develop the God-given talents and skills of young students in the
various high school institutions in the region;

2) To foster unity, cooperation and friendship among schools through a healthy
competition; and

3) To promote Angeles University Foundation as the prime provider of quality culturalexperience in the region.

II. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

A. The competition is open to all bonafide high school students currently enrolled in public and private schools in Pampanga.

B. The participants must not have represented the country in any national or international competitions. All those paid for their services or are professional artists are disqualified from joining.

C. There should only be one (1) conductor leading the choir.

D. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

III. SPECIFIC RULES:

a. The group must have twenty (20) as the maximum and fifteen (15) as the minimum number of participants from the Junior & Senior high school students.

b. Song Requirements for the Grand Finals:

To be announced later

c. A minus-one must accompany the choir with no back-up singers included. The use of multiplex and live accompaniment is not allowed.

d. All songs must be performed by memory.

e. The use of props is strictly prohibited. However, participants are encouraged to wear costumes during the competition.

f. While issues may arise during the presentation proper, only inquiries from the official conductor / school coordinator will be entertained by the AUF Center for Culture and the Arts.

g. The Elimination Round:

8.1 For the elimination round, the choir will present only one (1) Christmas song of their choice, English or Filipino. Medley is not allowed.

7.2 Elimination round will be set on Tuesday, November 17, 2026at 2:00 PM to be held at the AUF St. Cecilia's Auditorium.

h. Choirs who qualify must submit the following requirements on or before Friday, November 27, 2026 to the -

Director's Office
Center for Culture and the Arts
Angeles University Foundation
Mac Arthur Hi-way, Angeles City

8.1 Official entry form in duplicate

8.2 Two (2) copies of 5x7 recent pictures of the group

i. All grand finalists must attend the general rehearsal on Wednesday, December 9, 2026 at 2:00 PM. Grand finals is set on Thursday, December 10, 2026 at 3:00 PM to be held at the AUF St. Cecilia's Auditorium.

j. Violations of these rules will be meted with sanctions.

k. For more details, please call:
Ms. Fairalyn Pantig
(045) 625-2888 loc. 1746 or 0948-216-2674

IV. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

Musicality 50%
(Vocal Quality, Projection, Diction, Interpretation & Arrangement)

Presentation 50%
(Stage Presence, Choreography, Costume & Discipline)

100%

AWARDS& PRIZES:

Champion	-	Cash and Trophy
1st Runner-Up	-	Cash and Trophy
2nd Runner-Up	-	Cash and Trophy
Best Choreography	-	Trophy
Best Costume	-	Trophy