



SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

The objective of the Scholarship fund is to provide financial and material assistance to underprivileged pupils and students with proven academically excellent backgrounds. Beneficiaries for the scholarship fund shall be selected in strict adherence to the following eligibility conditions;

A. Definition of Academic Excellence.

A prime criterion for the selection of beneficiaries for scholarship awards shall be their academic records. Only pupils or students with proven academic excellence shall be considered for an award of scholarship. The Board of Trustees shall evaluate the Academic excellence based on their academic records to be submitted at the time of application.

B. Number of Beneficiaries Per Annum:

The number of beneficiaries each year shall depend on the availability of Scholarship funds. The BOT shall use its discretion to ensure that a reasonably large number of beneficiaries are reached per year by rationing the type of beneficiaries in terms of financial needs. As a rule, small amounts of funds should be provided in order to reach larger number of beneficiaries.

C. Type of Scholarships.

NDEF shall provide the following types of scholarships;

- Provision of Cash Prizes for Academic Excellence to Pupils and Students in primary and secondary schools respectively.
- Direct payment of School fees for academically excellent students in Secondary schools and Universities.
- Provision of educational materials such as books, benches and other didactic materials to pupils, students and educational establishments.

Under conditions of further studies, the BOT shall decide if assistance shall be in full or only a percentage of the total cost will be covered by NDEF but the amount provided shall not be greater than 5% of the total approved Scholarship fund for that year. Eligibility criterion (a) above will always be considered by the BOT in making their decisions.

D. Socio-economic background of Beneficiaries.

As a charity foundation, the primary beneficiaries of the foundation shall be pupils or students from proven poor and underprivileged backgrounds. They shall be the neediest and those most likely not to further their education without the intervention of a charity like NDEF. The BOT shall have the task of profiling the background of potential beneficiaries as provided by applicants in the application forms submitted to the foundation's email address.

E. Duration of Benefit.

Depending on the peculiarities of the beneficiaries especially in consideration of their socio-economic backgrounds, the BOT shall decide if the scholarship for a particular beneficiary shall be;

- A one-time cash or in-kind donation
- 7 years tuition fees provision for secondary schools
- 3 years tuition fees provision for University studies
- or 2-years sponsorship for further studies.



F. Type of Beneficiaries

Beneficiaries for cash awards shall be strictly individuals. Legally registered educational institutions shall not be eligible to receive cash scholarship awards from NEF on behalf of their students or pupils. However, such institutions can benefit from the provision of educational materials and other didactic materials like benches.

G. BOT Sitings.

The BOT shall sit once in a year before the commencement of each academic year to select scholarship beneficiaries for that academic year. Exceptionally, at the request of the BOT Chairman, the BOT may sit to deliberate on special cases especially in relation to further studies as the academic year may not be fixed.

Other General Eligibility Conditions.

The following general conditions shall equally apply.

H. **Mode of Selection of Beneficiaries.** All beneficiaries must apply for assistance through the official Application Form that can be downloaded from the NDEF website or gotten from NDEF offices.

The BOT shall not consider applications made by members of NDEF that have not gone through this formal channel of application. This is to ensure transparency in the selection beneficiaries.

I. **Relationship between Beneficiaries.** More than one beneficiary shall not be selected from members of the same immediate family or members of the same extended family within a period of 02 years.

J. **Multiple Beneficiaries.** A beneficiary of the scholarship fund shall not be eligible to benefit from the Health Care fund and vice versa.

K. **Other Types Beneficiaries.** Besides the provision of Health or Education assistance, NDEF shall carryout other philanthropic gestures geared towards the socio-economic development of the underprivileged. This shall be mainly directed towards but not limited to;

Provision of financial assistance to underprivileged individuals with demonstrated talents and innovative ideas capable of changing their economic status but who lack sponsorship

Organization of capacity building workshops to link talented individuals especially women to a network of potential sponsors

