



TOGETHER FOR SUDAN

Guidelines for Project to Pay University Scholarships. June 2008

1. Scholarship applications are received by the TFS Local Steering Committee in Khartoum which recommends applicants to the TFS Director. Scholarships are awarded by the TFS Trustees on the basis of individual merit, recommendation by the Director and the Local Committee and available funding at the time of application.
2. All disadvantaged Sudanese women living in Sudan are eligible to apply for scholarship. Scholarships are not provided to male applicants.
3. University scholarships are provided only at the undergraduate level and applicants shall be first year aspirants holding the Sudan school certificate of the same year as the call for applications. With the exception of the vocational training scholars as may be agreed by Trustees, new applicants are accepted only for the first year of University
4. No applicant shall be excluded on the basis of religious belief or affiliation and no religious group shall be favoured.
5. Members of ethnic groups which have been marginalised and have few educated women are given special consideration.
6. Scholarships will not be given for theological education or for education outside Sudan.
7. Applicants shall normally be selected from the first intake so as to shorten the selection process, allow TFS to concentrate on applicants with higher grades and avoid those with lower Grade Point Averages (who can usually only gain admission to more expensive universities).
8. TFS scholarships are for tuition and registration fees only and each scholar must provide for her own living expenses. However, TFS scholars are given priority in the TFS-funded hostel on a space available basis.
9. Selection priority shall be given to applicants in economic need and to applicants intending to study for teaching, medical, political and business careers. Special priority is given to nursing, midwifery and paramedical scholars.
10. Except in special circumstances approved by TFS Trustees, no scholarships will be given to relatives of the TFS Local Selection Committee.
11. Each TFS scholar must reapply annually to TFS Khartoum office for scholarship renewal, attaching her grade record of the previous year. Every effort will be made to

accommodate ongoing scholars but those who repeat twice will not be eligible for continued scholarship funding without the agreement of the Director

12. Pregnant scholars shall be given a one year leave of absence provided that they apply in writing to the TFS Deputy Country Coordinator and freezing of studies for that year has been approved by the university authorities. Reinstatement as a TFS scholar shall require reapplication.

13. If a scholar leaves university without notifying the TFS in writing, the scholarship may be terminated after consultation with university authorities.

14. Applicants who are awarded a scholarship but do not take it up and do not request and receive permission to do so at a later date are disqualified from applying for a subsequent scholarship.

15. Scholars who fail in their studies and are not allowed to continue by the university in which they are enrolled are disqualified from reapplying to TFS. However, if the university in which the failed student is enrolled allows her another semester or year in which to improve her grades, TFS policy is normally to continue the scholarship if funding is available. If the scholar repeats for a second time, TFS will not pay her fees but will keep her name on the list of scholars and will resume paying her fees if her performance improves and she is promoted to the next class.

16. If a scholar changes universities without TFS agreement, the scholarship is cancelled.

17. Scholarship application by a family member of a current TFS scholar shall not be discouraged but the Local Committee shall be notified of the relationship at the time of application.

18. Scholars “under Gasim” are out side Together for Sudan responsibility .As of 2005, there are no more TFS scholars “under Gasim” (meaning that TFS paid the registration fee while Ahfad waived the tuition fee). Any scholars selected solely by President Gasim Badri (normally because they do not meet the TFS Grade Point Average requirement) remain outside TFS responsibility. However, if Ahfad chooses to call these scholars TFS Scholars, they may also be known as such. Nonetheless, when Ahfad waives the tuition fee for certain scholars but requires them to pay their own registration fee, the condition for their acceptance as honorary TFS scholars is that they do so. Such scholars must sign an agreement that they will pay their own registration fees and not seek to persuade TFS to do so.

19. As of the 2006-7 academic years, each new TFS scholar shall be required to sign a statement that it is her intention to remain in Sudan and seek to promote national development rather than to move abroad. It shall be understood on acceptance as a TFS scholar that TFS graduates will be encouraged to return to their home areas for at least one year to promote national development.