



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

About Government Scholarships for University Students Under the New Funding Model

1. What is a Higher Education Government Student Scholarship?

The Higher Education Government Student Scholarship is a financial assistance programme provided by the Kenyan government to students studying in public universities and TVET colleges. Funded through government resources, this scholarship aims to support students pursuing undergraduate, diploma, craft certificate, and artisan education. The scholarship is determined based on the actual cost of the programme and the student's financial needs.

2. Who qualifies to apply for Higher Education Government Student Scholarship?

To be eligible to apply for the scholarship, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a Kenyan.
- KCSE 2022 for university students.
- The student must have been placed by the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) to pursue any undergraduate course in one of Kenya's public universities.
- The scholarship application is currently open to students who sat for their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examination from 2022 and was placed by KUCCPS on 31st August 2023, onwards.
- A student is eligible to apply for this government scholarship at any stage of their academic program.

3. Can a student apply for both loan and scholarship?

Yes. Loans and Scholarship awards will be categorized as follows;

- Vulnerable – 82% Scholarship and 18% loan of the cost of the programme.
- Extremely Needy – 70 Scholarship and 30% loan of the cost of the programme.
- Needy – 53% Scholarship, 40% loan and 7% household of the cost of the programme.
- Less Needy – 38% Scholarship, 55% loan and 7% household of the cost of the programme.

4. I am below 18 years, Can I apply for the scholarship?

Yes, minors (individuals who have not attained 18 years of age) who sat for their KCSE in 2022 and are placed by KUCCPS in a public university can apply for the Higher Education Government Student Scholarship. Once the minor reaches 18 years of age, they will be required to update their profile to continue benefiting from the government scholarship programme and loan.

5. Must I apply for the Higher Education Government Student Scholarship?

It is not mandatory for one to apply for the government student scholarship programme. It is advisable to only apply for the scholarship if you need government financial assistance.

6. How can I apply for a Government Student Scholarship?

To apply for a Government Student Scholarship, you can follow these steps:

- Visit www.hef.co.ke or www.universitiesfund.go.ke.
- Keep an eye on the official communication channels and updates from the Universities Fund, HELB and KUCCPS for announcements regarding application details and deadlines.
- Prepare the required documents, including academic records, personal details, student residential background, and student education background.
- If necessary, gather letters of recommendation to support your application.
- Ensure you have all the necessary documents available, including the “Consent to Collect Personal Data” form.

7. Are Government Student Scholarships based on financial need or merit?

The Scholarship is based on the financial need of the applicant and academic merit (one must be placed by KUCCPS to a public university for them to be eligible to apply).

8. How long can I qualify for the Government Student Scholarships?

For you to get the Government Student Scholarships, you MUST apply through www.hef.co.ke and submit a Student Government Scholarship application every year for the course duration.

9. What happens if I am unsatisfied with my Government Student Scholarships award?

A student may appeal/ request a review of your Government Student Scholarships award if you were not satisfied with the previous award. This includes unsuccessful scholarship applications.

10. Can international students receive the Government Student Scholarship?

No, this Government Scholarship is restricted to Kenyan citizens only. International students should check with their institution, government, or financial aid offices to determine if they are eligible to apply for other available scholarships.

11. How can students use Government Student Scholarship fund?

This Government Student Scholarship fund is used to take care of the tuition fees. These funds will be disbursed directly to the university where the applicant is undertaking their studies.

12. Can Government Student Scholarships affect other forms of financial aid?

Yes, if a student is fully funded by another agency, individual, or institution, the government Student Scholarship cannot provide a scholarship since it will lead to overfunding. Students are expected to disclose the funding agencies sponsoring them and the amounts applicable for their sponsorship. Nondisclosures may lead to withdrawal or cancellation of the scholarship award.

13. Are there any requirements or responsibilities for Student Government Scholarship recipients?

Yes, for the beneficiaries of the Government Student Scholarship, recipients are required to complete their studies within the stipulated course/ programme duration. Any extended study duration cost won't be catered for by the scholarship. Secondly, the students will be required to give accurate information to assist award of the scholarships.

14. Will I need a guarantor for me to be eligible for the Government Scholarship?

No guarantors are required for scholarship applications.

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