

OUIAA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Candidate Information Pack

About the Scholarship

The OUIAA Scholarship Programme is a merit-based initiative designed to empower undergraduates at Oduduwa University who show outstanding academic promise, resilience, and a desire to positively influence their communities. Education is not just a personal journey — it is a pathway to transforming society. Through this scholarship, we are seeking to identify students who have not only achieved academic excellence but who have also shown character, leadership, and commitment in the face of personal or financial hardship. This scholarship covers partial or full tuition fees for the academic year and is funded by generous sponsors who believe in the power of young minds to shape a better future. The application form can be found in Appendix I.

Eligibility

To ensure that the scholarship reaches students who are both in need and capable of making the most of the opportunity, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at Oduduwa University.
 - Must be in a 200-level or higher at the time of application. ***Students in 100-level are not eligible.***
 - Have a minimum CGPA of 3.5 on a 5.0 scale from the most recent academic session.
 - Be able to provide a clear and detailed combined financial and personal impact statement, outlining why the scholarship is needed and how it will benefit their academic journey.
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Person Specification

1.1 Academic Achievement

We are looking for students who have consistently demonstrated academic excellence. A minimum CGPA of 3.5 is required, which indicates a strong commitment to learning, time management, and intellectual discipline. Higher scores, particularly a CGPA of 4.5 or above, will strengthen an application as they reflect not just talent but sustained performance under pressure. We expect applicants to present clear evidence of their results and their commitment to academic improvement, including how they approach challenges and setbacks in their learning.

1.2 Personal & Financial Impact Statement

This is one of the most critical parts of the application. Applicants must submit a well-written statement (not more than 1000 words) that presents a holistic view of who they are, beyond their grades. It should explain:

- The financial situation of the student and their family;
- Any personal or social challenges they have had to overcome;
- Their motivation for studying their chosen course;
- Their short- and long-term academic and career goals;
- And finally, how receiving the scholarship would directly impact their ability to succeed.

We are looking for honesty, clarity, and depth. We want to understand your lived experience and see evidence of growth, ambition, and purpose. Statements should be original, personal, and sincere.

NB: *Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be strictly reviewed and prohibited*

1.3 Leadership and Community Engagement

While we value academic excellence, we are equally interested in students who engage meaningfully with their community. This includes involvement in student associations, religious groups, volunteer work, peer mentoring, or local development initiatives. We are looking for people who demonstrate responsibility, influence, and empathy — not just formal positions, but actions that show initiative and a drive to improve their environment. Leadership isn't always about titles — it's about impact.

1.4 Commitment to Personal and Educational Development

Applicants must show that they are actively shaping their future. This means setting goals, embracing learning opportunities, and reflecting on their growth. We are looking for evidence of a student who takes their education seriously and understands how their development can create ripple effects in their family, community, and the wider world. Whether it's learning from failure, seeking mentorship, or initiating projects, we want to see signs of purpose and maturity.

1.5 Presentation and Communication

The application should be clear, professional, and thoughtful. We expect good grammar, coherent writing, and logical structure in your submission. If selected for interview, applicants should be able to express themselves clearly, respond thoughtfully to questions, and communicate a strong sense of self and purpose. This is not about being perfect — it's about being prepared and sincere.

Selection Criteria and Scoring

Each application will be scored out of 100 points across the following categories:

- **Academic Performance (20 points):** Based on CGPA and academic transcript. Higher scores reflect stronger performance and consistency.

- Personal & Financial Impact Statement (20 points): Judged on the depth, authenticity, and persuasiveness of the applicant's narrative, as well as clarity and structure.
- Leadership & Community Engagement (20 points): Awarded for meaningful involvement in extracurricular or community-based activities, especially where initiative and responsibility are evident.
- Presentation and Communication (10 points): Includes quality of writing, completeness of the form, and how well the candidate communicates their story and ambitions.
- Interview (30 points): This will assess the applicant's self-awareness, clarity of purpose, and ability to articulate the impact of the scholarship.

Applications that score highly across all areas and align with the values of the programme will be prioritised.

Application Timetable

- Applications Open: 1st August 2025
 - Application Deadline: 15th September 2025
 - Review of Applications: 16th – 30th September 2025
 - Shortlisting of Candidates: 1st – 7th October 2025
 - Interviews: 10th – 15th October 2025
 - Final Selection and Notification: 20th October 2025
 - Award Ceremony / Scholarship Disbursement: 1st November 2025
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Appendix I: OUIAA Scholarship Application Form

SECTION A: Personal Details

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Gender: _____

Nationality: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Residential Address: _____

SECTION B: Academic Information

Current Programme of Study: _____

Department and Faculty: _____

Matric Number: _____

Current Level of Study: _____

Head of Department/Student Adviser: _____

CGPA (Attach official results): _____

SECTION C: Personal & Financial Impact Statement

Please attach a typed statement (not more than 1000 words) that includes:

- Your financial situation and background
- Your academic and career aspirations
- How would receiving this scholarship help you achieve your goals
- Why you think you deserve it ahead of others

SECTION D: Leadership & Community Engagement

List and briefly describe any relevant extracurricular, leadership, or volunteer roles you've undertaken. Attach any supporting documentation (certificates, photos, letters, etc.).

SECTION E: Declaration

I confirm that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that any false declaration may lead to disqualification.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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**Appendix II: OUIAA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME – ASSESSOR
EVALUATION SHEET**

Assessor Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Evaluation Criteria and Scoring Breakdown

Academic Performance (20 points)

Score: ____ / 20

- 3.5–3.69 CGPA: 10–13 points
- 3.7–4.49 CGPA: 14–17 points
- 4.5–5.0 CGPA: 18–20 points

Consider consistency, rigour of coursework, and upward trajectory.

2. Personal & Financial Impact Statement (20 points)

Score: ____ / 20

- Is the personal story clear, authentic, and compelling?
- Does the student show genuine financial need?
- Are academic/career aspirations clearly outlined?
- Does the statement reflect thoughtfulness and maturity?

Assessment Guidelines:

- Weak, generic, or vague: 0–10
 - Clear but lacks depth or structure: 11–15
 - Strong, well-written, impactful: 16–20
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3. Leadership & Community Engagement (20 points)

Score: ____ / 20

- Has the applicant demonstrated leadership or initiative?
- What kind of impact did they have in their community or university?
- Is there evidence of commitment, consistency, or creativity?

Assessment Guidelines:

- Minimal or no evidence: 0–10
 - Moderate participation or potential: 11–15
 - Strong, clear, and impactful involvement: 16–20
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4. Presentation & Communication (10 points)

Score: ____ / 10

- Is the application professionally presented?
- Is writing clear, grammatically correct, and well-organised?

Assessment Guidelines:

- Poor clarity, frequent errors: 0–4

- Clear writing, minor issues: 5–7
 - Excellent organisation and polish: 8–10
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5. Interview (30 points)

Score: ____ / 30

- Did the applicant communicate confidently and clearly?
 - Were they able to express their goals and challenges meaningfully?
 - Did their responses align with the values of the scholarship?
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Assessment Guidelines:

- Unclear or disconnected: 0–10
 - Reasonably confident, with relevant answers: 11-20
 - Engaging, articulate, well-aligned: 21–30
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Final Score: ____ / 100

Recommended for Award?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ On Hold / Reserve

Assessor Comments: