

Tertiary Education Students Sponsorship

Overview

Placement Division coordinates sponsorship award criteria, selects applicants and places them into reputable accredited institutions approved by the relevant accrediting bodies.

Currently sponsorship for students is administered in the following institutions:

- Local Public and Private Tertiary institutions
- Accredited external institutions (Regionally and Overseas)

Who is eligible?

New Students;

- Botswana citizen who is **NOT** gainfully employed.
- Applicants must be able to complete the programme of study before turning thirty five (35) years of age.
- The cut-off point for Government **sponsorship** is **36 points** for Secondary Education.
- Candidates who have upgraded their results must also have a **minimum of 36 points**.
- Orphan & Vulnerable Children (OVC), Rural Area Children (RAC), Special Education Needs (SEN) with **minimum cut off points of 31.-** applicants under this category should be certified and registered with the Social Welfare Office.

Progression Students;

- Progression consideration is based on recognition of prior learning.
- Prospective applicants must have completed lower qualifications **not less than three years (3)** at the time of applying except for Masters in Psychology and must be able to complete the programme of study by the **age of THIRTY- FIVE (35) or below**.
- Consideration for sponsorship is **STRICTLY** limited to the prioritized fields of study as per the sponsorship cycle.

Re-sponsorship Students;(NB - Target group is determined as per re-sponsorship cycle)

- Students **NOT** currently under sponsorship
- All outstanding modules/subjects should be completed within one (1) academic year at the most.
- The students must not have previously benefited from re-sponsorship.
- Some students would have been terminated due to poor academic performance but have sponsored themselves to pass all the failed modules/ subjects or have passed relevant year after change of course. These students must also satisfy the following conditions;
- The student should have passed **ALL** outstanding modules.
- Where the student changed courses, he/she must have sponsored themselves for the same number of years as he/she was sponsored by Government.
- The student should submit a complete academic transcript.

- A financial statement, which states that the student does not have any outstanding debts with the institution or a letter from institution stating that the student has no outstanding fees.

Top Achievers Students;(NB-Criteria is subject to change as per sponsorship cycle)

- Applicants should have attained at least any of the following grades:
- 6A*s at BGCSE/IGCSE
- 3A's at AS
- 3A's at A Levels
- 4 (7) at Matric
- The qualifying applicants will be placed in local institutions for A-Level/IBD Programmes or directly into Top Tier Universities internationally.

How do I get this service?

In order to access this service, applicants must follow the following steps:

- Download and submit the Loan **Application form** along with all supporting documentation to the Department of Tertiary Financing located at Block 6, plot number 37893, Universal Estate, Sephatlhaphatlha Road.
- Upon receipt of application, acknowledgement letter is issued to the applicant.
- Placement officers will assess the application forms and supporting documents.
- If successful, Applicant details will then be captured in Student Loan Management System (SLMS) and placement officer append signature as witness in the Loan Agreement.
- Placement officer generates Sponsorship Letter from SLMS, which will be manually signed by Head of Division.
- Feedback to the applicant is provided within ten (10) days

What supporting documents are required?

When applying for the service please attach the following documents:

- Admission letter clearly showing name of programme and its duration
- A Certified copy of a valid National Identification card (Omang)
- Certified copy of High School results/certificate or Statement Results
- Affidavit of names in case where names are different between certificate and Omang
- Social Inquiry Report from Social Workers in case of OVC applicant- those with less than 36 points
- Confirmation Letter on social status in those less than 36 points
- Confirmation Letter on RAC status in case of RAC applicant
- Detailed Assessment Report from Special Education Department in case of SEN applicant

How long will this service take?

Ten (10) working days

How much does it cost?

No cost

Where can I obtain this service?

Department of Tertiary Financing located at Block 6, plot number 37893,
Universal Estate, Sephatlhaphatlha Road

Where can I get more information on this Service

Director

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