



SUMMIT UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS AND POLICY DOCUMENT

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Summit University, Offa, recognized as a leading institution of higher learning in Nigeria, has consistently aimed to deliver quality education while fostering the intellectual, moral, and social development of its students. The University is committed to cultivating a learning environment that bridges traditional academic disciplines with the evolving demands of a rapidly changing world. Since its inception, the University has expanded its reach, particularly in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Humanities, Management, and Natural Sciences, providing a well-rounded education that is essential for national development.

In its pursuit of academic excellence, Summit University, Offa has established a scholarship programme aimed at supporting talented students with high academic potential. Summit University Academic Merit Scholarship is designed to cover tuition and accommodation fees, either partially or fully, for students about pursuing undergraduate bachelor's degrees in the following fields at Summit University, Offa: Mass Communication, Banking and Finance, Political Science, Business Administration, Accounting, Economics, Computer Science, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, English and Literary Studies, History and Diplomatic Studies, Islamic Studies and Arabic.

2.0 SUMMIT UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

2.1 OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of the Summit University Academic Merit Scholarship is to support the academic and professional growth of talented applicants throughout their study period in the University. By providing financial assistance, the scholarship aims to enable students to focus on their studies without the burden of financial constraints, thereby fostering intellectual development, creativity, and excellence in disciplines that are vital to societal progress. The outlined objectives of the Scholarship Programme include:

- i. **Promote Excellence in Education:** Encourage and support high-achieving students to pursue undergraduate degrees in humanities, management, and natural sciences, which are crucial to national development.
- ii. **Increase Access to Quality Education:** Provide financial assistance through scholarships to deserving students, enabling them to access quality education in their chosen fields without the burden of tuition and accommodation costs.
- iii. **Support National Development:** Develop a skilled workforce in disciplines essential for advancing Nigeria's development goals, particularly in areas like governance, business, and cultural studies.
- iv. **Foster inclusive learning in Higher Education:** Encourage a diverse range of students, including those from underrepresented communities, to pursue careers in the University for a more inclusive and equitable future.
- v. **Promote Academic and Research Excellence:** Support students who demonstrate academic excellence and a strong potential for research and contributing to the University's mission of becoming a center of excellence in education and innovation.

2.2 SCOPE

The scholarship is designed to offer both partial and full coverage of tuition and accommodation fees for the duration of the undergraduate programmes at Summit University, Offa, only.

The scholarship is exclusively available to students about enrolling into the following programmes at Summit University, Offa:

- i. **College of Management and Social Science:** Mass Communication, Banking and Finance, Political Science, Business Administration, Accounting, Economics.
- ii. **College of Natural Science:** Computer Science, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics
- iii. **College of Humanities:** Islamic Studies, Arabic, English and Literary Studies, and History and Diplomatic Studies.

This focus fields underscores the University's commitment to equipping students with the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute meaningfully to societal progress and economic development.

2.3 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The eligibility criteria for this scholarship programme have been carefully crafted to ensure that the most deserving candidates benefit from this opportunity.

To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- i. **Nigerian Citizenship:** Applicants must be citizens of Nigeria.
- ii. **JAMB Registration:** Joint Admission and Matriculation Board JAMB's 2024 registration for an undergraduate programme in one of the eligible fields listed in Section 2.2.
- iii. **Change of Institution:** Change of institution to Summit University, Offa will be required only after successful award of scholarship.
- iv. **Academic Qualifications:** A minimum of five credits in WAEC/NECO including English and four other relevant subjects is required.
- v. **UTME Score:** Applicants must have scored a minimum of 180 in the 2024 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).
- vi. **Academic Performance:** Strong academic performance in relevant subjects is essential for consideration.

3.0 APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process is designed to evaluate the applicant's academic achievements and personal aspirations, ensuring a holistic assessment of each candidate. Interested candidates must complete the online registration.

Application: Applicants must complete the online scholarship application form available on the University's official website via <https://summituniversity.edu.ng/scholarship/> and start the process.

3.1 SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process will ensure that the scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate both academic potential and a genuine commitment to their field of study. The process is rigorous and is designed to identify the most promising candidates. The selection process is as follows:

- i. **Initial Review** - The Scholarship Committee will review all applications based on academic merit.
- ii. **Shortlisting** - Candidates who meet the initial criteria will be shortlisted for further evaluation, such as examination and/or interview.
- iii. **Scholarship Assessment Test:** The Scholarship Assessment Test will take place at
 - a. Offa, Kwara State;
 - b. Abeokuta, Ogun State,;
 - c. Surulere, Lagos, Lagos State;
 - d. Maitama, Abuja.
- iv. **Final Selection** - The final selection will be based on the candidate's performance during the scholarship assessment test as well as their overall application.

3.2 AWARD DISBURSEMENT

The disbursement of the scholarship funds is handled with transparency and accountability to ensure that the recipients benefit fully from the award. The process includes:

- i. **Direct Disbursement:** The scholarship will be disbursed directly to Summit University, Offa on behalf of the successful candidates.
- ii. **Application of Funds:** The funds will be applied towards tuition and accommodation fees at the beginning of each academic session.
- iii. **Partial Scholarships:** For recipients of partial scholarships, fifty percent (50%), Twenty-Five percent(25%) of tuition fees will be covered by the scholarship and the student(s) will be responsible for covering the remaining fees. Refer to Table I -III in respect to the breakdown of school fees and the amount to be covered by candidate after scholarship award.

3.3 SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL

The renewal process is designed to encourage continuous academic excellence and good behavior among scholarship recipients. The undergraduate scholarship at Summit University, Offa is renewable on an annual basis subject to the following conditions:

- i. **Academic Performance:** Recipients of the scholarship must maintain a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.00 to be eligible for renewal.
- ii. **Good Conduct:** Recipients must demonstrate good conduct and adhere to the University's code of conduct.

3.4 TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship may be terminated under some circumstances. These provisions ensure that the scholarship is awarded to students who remain committed to their academic and personal development. The circumstances are:

- i. **Academic Failure:** If the recipient fails to maintain the required academic standards of 3.00 GPA consecutively within an academic year, the scholarship may be revoked.
- ii. **Misconduct:** Engaging in any form of misconduct or violating University regulations can lead to the termination of the scholarship.
- iii. **Withdrawal or Transfer:** If the recipient withdraws from the eligible course or transfers to another programme outside the scope of this scholarship, the scholarship will be terminated.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Summit University Academic Merit Scholarship recipients are expected to fulfill certain responsibilities. These responsibilities aim to cultivate a sense of community and leadership among scholarship recipients, including:

- i. **Participation in University Activities:** Recipients must actively participate in university activities and contribute to the academic community.
- ii. **Ambassadorship:** Recipients are expected to serve as ambassadors for the scholarship programme and the University, promoting the value of education in their respective fields.

4.1 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The monitoring and evaluation process is crucial for assessing the effectiveness of the Summit University Academic Merit Scholarship programme and making necessary improvements. The Summit University Academic Merit Scholarship Committee will regularly monitor the progress of scholarship recipients through the following means:

- i. **Academic Monitoring:** The academic performance and conduct of recipients will be reviewed regularly to ensure compliance with the scholarship requirements.
- ii. **Semester Report:** Every semester report detailing the impact of the scholarship on the recipients and the University will be submitted to the University administration.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Summit University Academic Merit Scholarship embodies the institution's commitment to fostering academic excellence, inclusive learning, and national development. By offering financial support to talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds, the University ensures that education is accessible to all regardless of economic status. The scholarship not only alleviates the financial burden on students but also encourages them to excel in their studies and contribute positively to society.

TABLE I: BREAKDOWN OF SCHOOL FEES (CONAS and COMAS)

DESCRIPTION	100 % Scholarship	50 % Scholarship	25 % Scholarship
Tuition fee to be covered by the Scholarship	=N=528,000	=N=264,000:00	=N=132,000:00
Tuition fee to be covered by the student (Beneficiary)	0	=N=264,000:00	=N=396,500:00

TABLE II: BREAKDOWN OF SCHOOL FEES (COHAS)

DESCRIPTION	100 % Scholarship	50 % Scholarship	25 % Scholarship
Tuition fee to be covered by the Scholarship	=N=450,000	=N=225,000:00	=N=112,500:00
Tuition fee to be covered by the student (Beneficiary)	0	=N=225,000:00	=N=337,500:00

TABLE III: BREAKDOWN OF HOSTEL FEES

DESCRIPTION	MALE	FEMALE
Hostel Fee	90,000	100,000

Other charges to be covered by the student or beneficiary amount to **₦75,000**, which includes a Parent Forum fee of ₦10,000, a Maintenance Fee of ₦15,000, and an Admission Acceptance Fee of ₦50,000.

KEY:

COMAS: College of Management and Social Sciences (BSc Accounting, BSc Business Administration, BSc Economics, BSc Mass Communication, and BSc Political Science)

CONAS: College of Natural and Applied Sciences (BSc Biochemistry and BSc Microbiology)

COHAS: College of Humanities (BA Arabic, BA English & Literary Studies, BA History & Diplomatic Studies, and BA Islamic Studies)

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