

GENERAL INFORMATION



TERTIARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FOR TANZANIA (T4T)

1. BACKGROUND

The Tertiary Education Scholarship Trust (TEST) for Tanzania is a statutory registered entity under the Trustees Incorporation Act of Tanzania. TEST for Tanzania was registered by the Administrator General of Trustees on 3rd October 2016 and was issued with a certificate of incorporation No. 5316. TEST for Tanzania was formed by a group of graduates from Linacre College, Oxford University, and is a constituent member of the UK family of Charities called TEST for AFRICA (T4A).

The aim of TEST for Tanzania is to assist the social and economic development of TANZANIA by enabling **bright** but **financially needy** students to receive **undergraduate** education at Tanzanian **public universities** against their personal pledge to work for the benefit of their communities and their nation upon graduation.

The basic philosophy behind the formation of TEST for Tanzania is the belief that, one of the causes of poverty in developing countries is lack of education. By enabling bright, but financially challenged Tanzanians to obtain tertiary education locally through a programme of means tested scholarships in exchange for a personal bond requiring them to remain within TANZANIA, graduates are expected to make significant contributions to the social and economic development within their communities and their country.

TEST for Tanzania is one of a family of **four local charities** supported by TEST for Africa (T4A). The other members of the family of local charities are

- TEST for Ghana (T4G)
- TEST for Malawi (T4M), and
- TEST for Uganda T4U).

TEST for Africa (T4A) will continue to expand its network of local charities in those African countries which have a record of democracy and stability. The local charities are organized and managed by local residents, a majority of whom have received postgraduate education at the University of Oxford (Linacre College).

2. TYPES OF AWARDS

TEST for Tanzania provides both full and partial scholarships for undergraduate programmes in a wide range of academic and practical subjects which, in the opinion of the local Trustees,

are best oriented towards the social and economic development needs of their countries and their communities. Awards are biased towards females (60:40) from the poorest regions of the countries, where appropriate, and are also available to handicapped students. Scholarships are offered to both new and continuing students, and are reviewed each year depending both on need and academic performance.

3. OBJECTIVES OF TEST FOR TANZANIA

The main objective of TEST for TANZANIA is to provide scholarship funding for tertiary education at public universities in Tanzania for bright and financially needy students and thereby contribute to the socio-economic development of the country.

Funding shall be full or partial and to both new and continuing students and will be provided on an annual and renewable basis depending on the needs of applicants and the level of their academic performance.

To achieve this objective, the trust requires all recipients

- i) To be residents of Tanzania who will contribute towards the social-economic development of their communities and country;
- ii) To be bonded beneficiaries for a period of five years, excluding national service;
- iii) Who wish to pursue further postgraduate studies outside Tanzania, but within the bonding period to secure permission from the trustees, and immediately following those studies to commit to return to Tanzania to serve such non utilized bonding period;
- iv) To work during vacation periods for their local community and or fund raising for the Trust.

4. RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are not automatically renewed. Each year students must resubmit a renewal form which will be used for reassessment. Trustees may decide to discontinue an award if they are not satisfied with the academic performance or the conduct of a beneficiary. An award can also be withdrawn if there is reason to believe that the financial circumstance of a scholar has either changed for the better or was entirely falsified in the first instance. When this happens the student would need to make a refund or serve out the full bond as stipulated in the application form without recourse to any further funding from TEST for Tanzania.

5. WITHDRAWAL OF GRANT

The Trustees shall terminate the award of a student on the grounds of:

- i) Poor academic performance;
- ii) Indiscipline;
- iii) Examination malpractices;
- iv) Criminal conviction.

Scholars who graduate with First Class Honors degrees are invited to apply for the Norman & Ivy Lloyd Scholarship at Linacre College, Oxford University which provides full funding for a one year's Master's degree studies in a subject of their choice.

ACADEMIC AREAS OF FOCUS

The Trust provides financial support to deserving applicants who have been offered admission to Tanzanian public universities in the following academic disciplines:

- 1) Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry and Pharmacy;
- 2) Agricultural and Environmental Sciences;
- 3) Mining and Petroleum Engineering;
- 4) Geological/Earth Sciences;
- 5) Civil, Mechanical, and Electrical Engineering;
- 6) Science Education
- 7) Actuarial Science
- 8) Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science;
- 9) Chemical, Biological and Physical Sciences;
- 10) Law;
- 11) Arts and Humanities;
- 12) Economics, Business Studies and Tourism; and
- 13) Construction, Architecture, Surveying and Planning.

All Trustees of TEST for Tanzania and TEST for Africa, as well as all academic institutions where TEST scholars are registered, provide their services pro-bono that is without pay. In this way Trustees guarantee that 100% of all donations received are disbursed for the education of the scholars. Moreover, each member of the TEST family is required to be transparent and publish Annual Reports which are available on their web-sites.

For more information on TEST for Africa see <https://testforafrica.org/> and TEST for Tanzania, see <https://testforafrica.org/Our-Work-in-Tanzania/>

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