

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE TEST FOR UGANDA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Application forms can be downloaded online from the TEST for African Website using the link <https://testforafrica.org/Uganda-Students/>. Application forms **MUST** be completed in detail. Completed application forms should be submitted to the Dean of students' office at the university where the candidate has been admitted. Applicants at Makerere University should submit their applications to Room 212, School of Forestry, Environmental and Geographical Sciences, Makerere University. Please ensure that you sign the register when submitting your application form. Fully filled application forms should be submitted on or before **FRIDAY 14th August 2026**. **Successful applicants will be informed by e-mail and in writing through their institution of their award on or before Monday, 28th September 2026**. The amount of each award holder will be communicated to the award holder by e-mail and/or telephone contacts provided. Award values will differ based on the applicant's need, and both full and partial scholarships will be awarded accordingly. Due to the large number of applications received every year, we are unable to write to each applicant and, if you do not receive any communication from TEST for Uganda by **Monday, 28th September 2026**, then consider your application unsuccessful. You can reapply the next time applications are open.

NB: TEST for Uganda Scholarships is not automatically renewed as students need to have made considerable progress in their academic work as well as their need status re-assessed. Each TEST for Uganda beneficiary, once awarded a scholarship for the first time, will need to fill out and submit a renewal form every academic year through the same process indicated. The most up-to-date academic transcript/ testimonial also needs to be submitted along with the renewal form. Beneficiaries from which renewal forms are not received will not be renewed, as it will be deemed that the student is no longer in need of the financial aid, and his/her place will be offered to someone else.

ELIGIBILITY

- Candidate must be Ugandan
- Candidate must have sufficient proof of lack of financial support
- Candidate must have a place at any of the following public universities in Uganda (**Busitema University, Gulu University, Kyambogo University, Makerere University (Including Makerere University Business School and Mbarara University of Science and Technology)**)
- TEST for Uganda will support candidates studying any of the following degree programmes:
 - o **Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Biomedical sciences**
 - o **Forestry, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences**
 - o **Engineering**
 - o **Computer Science and/or Engineering**
 - o **Education (Sciences)**
 - o **Law**

- o **Statistics, Economics and Business Studies**
- o **Tourism and Hotel Management**
- o **Construction, Architecture, Surveying and Planning**

THE BOND FORM

Each applicant filling the TEST for Uganda Scholarship application form for the first time will need to commit to a five (5) year bond period after completion of their studies by signing and submitting the attached bond form. TEST for Uganda Scholarships are **not loans** and do not need to be paid back; it is, however, expected that students, upon completion of their studies, will remain in the country for at least five (5) years and work in any field of their choice and contribute to National Development. TEST for Uganda recognises the current challenges in gaining employment in the country is in itself not able to provide jobs for its beneficiaries, but to give beneficiaries a competitive edge; TEST for Uganda will put together an advisory board which will provide guidance and counselling to its alumni to give them a competitive edge on the job market. The TEST for Uganda Bond does not prevent students from going outside the country for further studies, but they have to inform TEST for Uganda in writing and pledge to return to serve out any outstanding bond period after completion of their studies.

THE APPLICATION FORM

SECTION A- BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- A. Complete every section of the Application Form in capital letters neatly, and cross out any sections that do not apply to you
- B. Provide clear addresses, e-mail address, and telephone number(s) through which you can be easily reached, as your award will be communicated to you by e-mail and telephone
- C. For question 15. After listing all siblings, you must support the claim by attaching photocopies of each sibling's birth certificate and/or a letter from the Local Council leader affirming this fact. Siblings listed without accompanying birth certificates will not be considered during the processing of applications. In cases where birth certificates cannot be obtained, a signed affidavit has to be obtained testifying that this claim is true and indeed all persons listed under this section are true siblings of the applicant.
- D. In answering question 17. If re-sit examination results are being included in the application, kindly list all years that an examination was taken starting with the earliest

SECTION B - FINANCES

- E. Applicants who fail to declare their full financial standing will be disqualified. All applicants who hold other scholarships or grants should declare these fully in this section, including any student loans that they have taken. Applicants who falsify this information will have their scholarship withdrawn, and TEST for Uganda will seek to recover all the monies advanced if it is later established that the information provided in this section was falsified.
- F. Applicants with previous employment history need to provide documentation to support this claim; this could be in the form of a pay slip or appointment letter. Vacation jobs can also be included in this section.
- G. All claims made by the applicant need to be substantiated by the appropriate documentation. Below is a list of basic supporting documentation that needs to be included for every application **IF ANY OF THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NOT INCLUDED, THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE FURTHER PROCESSED.**

🌐 Photocopy of examination results- APPLICABLE TO ALL APPLICANTS

🌐 Photocopy of admission letter if you have been newly admitted to a tertiary institution- APPLICABLE TO ALL APPLICANTS

🌐 Evidence of income of parent/guardian - APPLICABLE TO ALL APPLICANTS

🌐 Most up-to-date academic transcript- APPLICABLE TO ALL APPLICANTS

🌐 Applicant's most current pay slip, if applicable.

🌐 Documents/ evidence to establish the relationship with siblings and/or dependants, as the case may be.

🌐 Attach affidavits to support any claims made on this application form - APPLICABLE TO ALL APPLICANTS

🌐 Any other supporting documents that you believe will assist in the processing of your application

🌐 Death certificates for applicants with deceased parents or guardians

H. Ensure that you sign your application form, as application forms which are not duly signed will not be processed.

SECTION C- TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

I. All sections of this part of the form need to be filled out by both parents or guardians unless otherwise indicated

J. All claims made in this section have to be supported by documentation such as birth certificates of dependants, as well as pay slips and any other documentation that will substantiate any claims made on this application form.

K. Parents employed in the informal sector who cannot substantiate their claims by pay slips need to provide an affidavit to substantiate their claims.

L. The form should be signed and/or thumb-printed by both parents or guardians

M. Fill out the bond form attached at the end of the application and submit it together with your application form.

FOR ENQUIRIES AND FURTHER INFORMATION: send an e-mail to fred.babweteera@mak.ac.ug. Alternatively, you can contact the following offices at your respective institution:

Busitema University

Dean of Students

P. O. Box 236, Tororo

Physical Location: Administration Block, Busitema Main Campus

Gulu University

Dean of Students

P.O. Box 166, Gulu

Physical Location: Dean of Students Department, Gulu Main Campus

Kyambogo University

Dean of Students

P.O. Box 1, Kyambogo

Physical Location: Faculty of Science Building, Located West End, Kyambogo Main Campus

Makerere University

Room 212, School of Forestry, Environmental and Geographical Sciences

P.O. Box 7062, Kampala

Physical Location: School of Forestry, Environmental and Geographical Sciences Building,
Makerere Main Campus

Mbarara University of Science and Technology

Dean of Students

P.O. Box 1410 Mbarara

Physical Location: Administration Block, Mbarara Main Campus