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OFFICE OF
Financial Aid

ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT | ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS DIVISION

The Office of Financial Aid provides students with full access to all available sources of both internal and external financial assistance in order to meet their educational costs while pursuing their studies at USIU-Africa. It is committed to supporting the university achieve its Vision and Mission of providing quality all-round education to a diversified population of students, by promoting scholarship and assisting students with financial need meet their tuition costs.

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Institutional Scholarships

Applicants for these scholarships must have sat the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education Examinations (KCSE) not more than one year prior to the award.

Full USIU-Africa Scholarship

This covers the full costs of tuition, books, computer laboratory and room and board fees in the university hostels for one female and one male candidate. Applicants must have attained a mean grade of B+ (Plus) or better, with at least a B plain in English and Mathematics in KCSE. A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.3 and above must be maintained to remain eligible.

Partial USIU-Africa Scholarship

The Partial USIU-Africa Scholarship covers 100% tuition cost for one female and one male candidate. Applicants must have attained a mean grade of B (plain) or better, with at least a B- (minus) in English and Mathematics in KCSE. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 and above must be maintained to remain eligible.

Diversity Scholarships

These scholarships are divided into;

Scholarships for Under-represented Communities

There are two (2) tuition-only scholarships for the underrepresented and underprivileged bright students from Arid and Semi-Arid (ASAL) regions of Kenya, and one (1) similar scholarship for applicants from informal settlements in the neighborhood of USIU. Applicants must have attained a KCSE score of B- (minus) or better and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and above to remain eligible.

Scholarship for the Physically-Challenged

These are two (2) full tuition Scholarships for qualified applicants who must use orthopedic appliances for movement. The Scholarships are based on academic merit and cover full tuition costs. Applicants must have attained a KCSE score of C+ (Plus) or better and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.7 to remain eligible.

Criminal Justice Studies Scholarship

USIU-Africa is committed to supporting the government realize its academic goals by providing 5 partial academic scholarships that cover 50% of Tuition cost to Kenyan civil servants seeking to pursue their Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Studies at USIU-Africa. Applicants for these scholarships must in addition to admission and financial aid requirements provide a letter from their immediate Supervisors or Departmental Heads. Successful candidates must maintain a Cumulative GPA of 3.0 and above to remain eligible.



Sports Scholarships for Freshmen

There are fifteen 65% tuition-only scholarships for students in sports disciplines that are relevant to the university sports program needs. These are advertised in high schools, relevant sports events and sports organizations during the Summer (May) semester, processed end of summer semester and awarded in the Fall (September) semester. Preference is given to students with national certificates. The scholarships are awarded to successful applicants upon admission and are renewable subject to the students fulfilling all the necessary requirements. Successful candidates must maintain a Cumulative GPA of 2.0 and above and be USIU-Africa Sports ambassador in the relevant sport to remain eligible.





First-Time Freshman Scholarship

This is a 30% scholarship for incoming 3 local and 3 international students. Applicants must have a mean grade of B- or equivalent to apply, be enrolled for three to four courses (9 to 12 units) every semester and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 to remain eligible.

Institutional Grants and Waivers at USIU-Africa

These grants are merit and need-based. Students must have completed a semester in USIU-AFRICA, fulfill the financial aid application and selection procedures to be eligible.

Vice Chancellor's Grant

This is a 25% tuition only scholarship for continuing undergraduate students with a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or better, be enrolled for three to four courses (9 to 12 units) every semester have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 and above and maintain the same to remain eligible.

Special Need Grant

The objective of this grant is to help students who have fallen into sudden financial hardships such as sudden death of the guardian, sudden withdrawal of sponsor from paying tuition fees or any other significant but relevant situation. It is a one-time grant that is not refundable to students for any reasons. All students are eligible to apply and must be continuing full time students with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and above, provide a written statement and attach proof explaining the circumstances requiring financial aid.

Student Affairs Council (SAC) Grant

This is a grant introduced by SAC for continuing undergraduate students. Only one grant will be awarded per academic year. Applicants must be continuing undergraduate students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better and must demonstrate financial need.

Family Tuition Waiver

This is a 10% tuition waiver in recognition of parents/guardians or sponsors continuous support for USIU-Africa. Eligible applicants must have two nuclear family members previously been or be concurrently enrolled at USIU-Africa. Proof of blood relationship is required. The Applicants must maintain a cumulative G.P.A of 2.0 (at undergraduate level) and a cumulative G.P.A of 3.0 (at graduate level). Doctoral program students are not eligible.

Legatee Tuition Waiver

This is a 10% tuition waiver for children of fully paid-up members of the USIU-Africa Alumni Association. This waiver may be availed to eligible applicants upon admission and is subject to availability of the allocated funds. The Applicants must maintain a cumulative G.P.A of 2.0 (at undergraduate level) and a cumulative G.P.A of 3.0 (at graduate level). Doctoral program students are not eligible.

Alumni Graduate Tuition Waiver

This is a 10% tuition waiver for USIU-Africa alumni who are pursuing their graduate studies at the university. Applicants must be fully paid-up members of the USIU – Africa Alumni Association prior to applying for the grant and must NOT be enrolled in doctoral programs. Beneficiaries of the grant must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.2 and above for continued eligibility, and are not eligible for the Family Tuition Waiver or the Legatee Tuition Waiver.



Work Study Programs

Campus Work Opportunity (CWO)

The Campus Work Opportunity (CWO) program provides part-time employment opportunities for full-time undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need. Applicants must be continuing full time undergraduate student registered (9-12 units) with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and above and maintain the same to remain eligible. Students on this program work for 10-15 hours per week for a maximum of 195 hours per semester in the assigned department.



Resident Assistantships (RA)

There are four slots for Resident Assistant's positions open to two female and two male undergraduate students. Only applications for the open positions are advertised on campus notice boards. The Assistants support the Housing Manager in administrative duties in return for room and board in the university hostels. Applicants must be sophomore students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and above and maintain the same to remain eligible.

Graduate Assistantship

The Graduate Assistant [GA] program is for full-time graduate students who have demonstrated financial need and good academic achievement. Applicants must have and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 to remain eligible. The Assistants support faculty with research work, conducting seminars, and teaching selected classes for up to 20 hours per week for 13 weeks each semester.

Doctoral Teaching & Research Assistantship

The Doctoral Teaching and Research Assistant programs are available to doctoral students. Applicants must have and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 from their graduate program to remain eligible. Teaching and Research Assistants support faculty with research work, conducting seminars, and teaching selected classes for up to 20 hours per week for 13 weeks each semester. The positions are dependent on faculty needs and are awarded on a first-come-first-served basis.



Scholarship Search Engines

The following search engines are recommended:

- fastweb.org
- finaid.org
- collegeboard.org
- collegenet.com
- collegequest.com
- college-scholarships.com
- internationalstudentloan.com
- institutefobrandleadership.org
- iefa.org
- rotary.org
- helb.co.ke
- edupass.org
- internationalstudent.com
- xerox.org



Externally-funded Scholarships and Grants

The university continues to seek partners to help fund the Financial Aid programs. Below are some of the partners currently funding Scholarships at USIU-Africa. Please note that the availability of these grants and scholarships depend largely on funding from sponsors.

Rattansi Education Trust Fund Grant

Funds are awarded in the fall semester of every year. The Rattansi Education Trust Foundation makes decisions on the amounts to be awarded to successful applicants. The awards may range from KES 5,000 to KES 100, 000 annually. The USIU-Africa Financial Aid Office notifies successful students as soon as the funds are received from the Trust Foundation.

Mel Kuol Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by and named after an alumnus of USIU-Africa and is for academically-gifted and highly-disciplined undergraduate students in need of financial aid. It covers 80% tuition costs for qualified, enrolled citizens of the Republic of Southern Sudan. Applicants for this scholarship must attach a copy of their Republic of Southern Sudan passport.

Government Student Aid: Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)

Students of Kenyan nationality at USIU-Africa can apply for loans from HELB as long as they meet the required criteria. Interested applicants must commence the application process by registering online to enable them access HELB loan forms. A Personal Identification Number (PIN) from the Kenya Revenue Authority is required later on in the process. For more information, please visit the HELB website: www.helb.co.ke

Interested applicants for financial aid can visit our website www.usiu.ac.ke/finaid or visit the Financial Aid Office for the relevant financial aid application forms.

For more information, please email us on finaid@usiu.ac.ke or call us on 0730 116 776/745 (8.00 am - 5.00 pm EAT) OR visit the Financial Aid Office (Second Floor, Middle Wing, Freida Brown Student Center).

Financial Aid Recipients



I have benefited from both the Vice Chancellor's Grant and the Mel-Kuol Scholarship. Financial aid has not only given me hope and courage in spite of my background, it has also enabled me to focus and subsequently improve my academic performance.

GEORGE ASIMBA
Mel Kuol Grant



My campus work opportunity not only enabled me to get a quarter of my fees paid, it also exposed me to an entirely new world, gaining a wealth of experience in the process.

FANELLA OLLIMO
Campus Work Opportunity



As a freshman majoring in International Relations, the opportunity afforded through the Sports Scholarship have been beyond my wildest dreams - I get to study the relationships between nations, and play in the country's premier basketball league.

FREDRICK ONONO
Sports Scholarship



Growing up as an orphan, gaining an education was a constant struggle.

When my application for a full scholarship was accepted, it began an academic journey that has seen me through my undergraduate studies at USIU-Africa, a graduate degree from a UK university and my current M.A. in Communication Studies at the School of Science and Technology.

I have also strived to put the same opportunities offered to me, within reach of my relatives, neighbours and friends. So far, eleven of them have benefited from the global education I was so privileged to receive.

EANNES ONGUS
USIU-Africa Scholarship



I have been blessed to be the recipient of the Master of Arts Scholarship and the Graduate Assistantship awards. The Master of Arts Scholarship recognized my academic achievements from my undergraduate experience. The Graduate Assistantship position allowed me to work with staff and faculty within the Psychology Department. Being mentored by a member of faculty, learning how to work in the classroom and managing tasks within the office have all equipped me and given me the confidence in interacting with students and university administration. The experience and exposure gained through the Graduate Assistantship program is one I cannot replace.

JORDAN WEAVER
Graduate Assistant &
Master of Arts Scholarship



I have always wanted to have a world class education - an education that I found here at USIU-Africa. The chance to fulfill my dreams came in the form of an MBA scholarship, that allowed me to complete my graduate studies and secure my future.

Financial aid - for me - was more than an option, it offered me a lifeline that I hope to use to change the lives of others.

EDGAR OBAGA
MBA Scholarship



The Resident Assistantship has not only given me peace of mind, but my mother as well who was constantly worrying about my safety as I moved to and from school. As a result of all these opportunities, my grades, work experience and exposure in general have never been better.

CECILIA KHAMETE
Resident Assistant



I had almost given up on completing my college education, having already taken two semester breaks to ease the financial burden. I cannot describe the sheer relief of being awarded the Vice Chancellor's Grant. It was really a game changer.

I became revitalized, giving my total attention to my studies, not just because I needed to maintain my GPA, but also because financial worries no longer jeopardized my future.

This single-minded focus, has enabled me secure an employment position even before I graduated!

FRED OMONDI
Vice Chancellors Grant

