

TRISTATE EDUCARE LIMITED SCHOLARSHIP POLICY FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS AT THE TRISTATE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

1.0 Introduction

The Tristate Educare Ltd (TEL) Scholarship is established to promote academic excellence, nurture future medical leaders, and strengthen the institutional synergy between Tristate Hospitals and the Tristate College of Medicine and Health Sciences. The scholarship provides full tuition and approved academic fees to outstanding students admitted into the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) program. It serves as both an investment in human capacity and a pathway for developing a pipeline of well-trained, ethically grounded medical professionals committed to quality healthcare delivery.

1.1 Vision and Purpose

The TEL Scholarship is designed not merely as a financial grant, but as a strategic investment in healthcare leadership. It seeks to:

- Cultivate a generation of ethically grounded, clinically excellent physicians.
- Strengthen the human resource pipeline within Tristate Hospitals and the broader health system.
- Advance the institution's mission to provide world-class medical education and patient-centred care in Africa.

2.0 Eligibility Criteria

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

2.1 Admission Status

Must have received official admission into the MBBS program of the Tristate College of Medicine and Health Sciences.

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2.2 Academic Merit

Must demonstrate exceptional academic performance at entry level (SSCE, UTME/Post-UTME, or equivalent). Must maintain a minimum CGPA of 4.0 on a 5.0 scale at the end of each academic session to retain the award.

2.3 Commitment to Service

Must agree to participate in clinical rotations, internships, and voluntary community service at Tristate Hospitals during academic breaks or as assigned. Upon graduation, beneficiaries

will be required to undertake a post-graduation service bond at Tristate Hospitals for a minimum of two (2) years or as otherwise determined by hospital management.

2.4 Conduct and Character

Must consistently demonstrate discipline, integrity, and professional ethics in alignment with the values of both the College and the Hospital. Proven misconduct, academic dishonesty, or violation of institutional regulations may lead to suspension or withdrawal.

2.5 Medical Fitness

Applicants must be certified medically fit and present a valid medical fitness report before final approval.

2.6 Nationality / Residency

Must be a citizen or legal resident of Nigeria (or the host country of the institution). Preference may be given to applicants from the local catchment area of Tristate Hospitals.

2.7 Financial Need (Optional)

Where applicable, consideration may also be given to students who demonstrate financial need, provided they meet academic and character requirements.

3.0 Application Process

- 1. Complete the Tristate Scholarship Application Form (available through the College or Hospital portal).
- 2. Submit the following supporting documents:
 - Official HUST provisional admission letter.
 - Academic transcripts and certificates.
 - Valid identification document (national ID, passport, or equivalent).
 - Two letters of recommendation (academic and character references).
- 3. Shortlisted candidates may be invited for a written or oral interview with the Tristate Scholarship Committee.

4.0 Scholarship Coverage

The scholarship covers:

- Full tuition fees.
- College-approved academic charges and levies.
- Academic materials or allowances as determined by Tristate Hospital Management.

5.0 Renewal Conditions

Scholarship renewal is annual and contingent upon:

- a. Maintaining a minimum CGPA of 4.0 at the end of each academic session.
- b. Submission of an annual performance report endorsed by the College.
- c. A positive evaluation of service participation at Tristate Hospitals.

6.0 Suspension or Withdrawal

The scholarship may be suspended or withdrawn under any of the following conditions:

- 1. Failure to maintain the required academic standing.
- 2. Proven misconduct or breach of institutional regulations.
- 3. Neglect or refusal to perform assigned service obligations.
- 4. Withdrawal, deferment, or expulsion from the College.

7.0 Post-Graduation Bond

- 1. Beneficiaries shall sign a Post-Graduation Service Bond, co-signed by a guarantor, committing to serve at Tristate Hospitals for a minimum of four (4) years after graduation and completion of internship.
- 2. In the event of default, the beneficiary shall refund the full scholarship value or its equivalent as determined by Tristate Hospital Management.

7.3 Alumni Engagement

Tristate Educare shall maintain an Alumni Registry of scholarship recipients to:

- Track post-graduation performance and career progression.
- Encourage continued collaboration, mentorship, and community service.
- Recognize outstanding alumni through periodic awards and acknowledgment.

8.0 Administration

The scholarship shall be administered by the Tristate Scholarship Committee, comprising representatives from:

- Tristate Hospital Management.
- Tristate College of Medicine and Health Sciences.
- The Board of Trustees (where applicable).

8.1 Governance and Transparency

The selection process shall be merit-based, transparent, and free from bias. All applications, decisions, and renewals shall be documented and auditable by the Scholarship Committee. Annual reports summarizing beneficiaries, performance, and outcomes shall be submitted to Tristate Hospital Management and the College Board.

9.0 Policy Review

This policy shall be subject to periodic review by Tristate Hospital Management to ensure continued alignment with the institution's strategic objectives and best practices in medical education and healthcare leadership.

10.0 Sustainability and Funding

The TEL Scholarship shall be financed through Tristate Educare Ltd's annual education budget, supplemented by:

- Endowments and philanthropic donations from corporate or individual partners.
- Institutional grants or CSR partnerships aligned with medical education and healthcare access goals.
- All funds shall be managed under a dedicated Scholarship Fund, audited annually to ensure transparency and sustainability.

