



## OSHWAL EDUCATION & RELIEF BOARD AND HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS BOARD UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND - 2017/2018

The Oshwal Education & Relief Board together with the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) invites eligible university students to apply for scholarships for the 2017-2018 Financial Year.

**Oshwal Aid Vision:** Envisages healthy communities, prospering in harmony with natural environment and in which people are inspired to improve the quality of their own and lives of others.

**Oshwal Aid Mission:** Assists communities around East Africa through a wide range of programs in education, health, disaster relief and sustainable development, where such aid is delivered efficiently and effectively by Oshwal Community members throughout East Africa.

The Oshwal Scholarship will fund **20** students for the total tenure of study, for undergraduate degree programs. The fund supports needy entrants, in local universities, to a maximum of **Kshs.100,000.00 per annum**.

This scholarship will only finance the following courses of study:

- **Business Studies and Management**
- **Fine Arts**
- **Political Science**
- **Law**
- **Architecture**
- **Information systems and technology**
- **Environmental Studies**
- **Agriculture**
- **Economics**
- **Pharmacy**
- **Nursing**
- **Engineering**

### **Eligibility:**

The applicant must:

1. Be a Kenyan citizen with a residential status in Kenya;
2. Have sat for the KCSE or equivalent level not more than one year prior to the application;
3. Have obtained a mean grade of B+ or above, with at least B plain in English and Mathematics;
4. Demonstrate need for financial aid;
5. Demonstrate leadership qualities, community service/spirit, concern for others, talent, concern about the environment and solid character; and
6. Provide reference letters from two referees, one of whom must be the secondary school head teacher;
7. Provide a hand written personal statement of at least 300 words giving reasons why you deserve the scholarship.

### **Conditions of the Scholarship:**

The applicant must:

1. Show proof of placement at a university before the scholarship is awarded; and
2. Is expected to provide academic progress reports and reference letters from the university on a yearly basis to maintain funding for the ongoing period of study.

### **How to Apply:**

1. Applicants should access and appropriately **fill the 2017-2018 Visa Oshwal Scholarship Application Form [LAF]** from the HELB website [www.helb.co.ke](http://www.helb.co.ke).
2. Print **TWO** copies of the duly filled Loan Application Form.
3. Have the printed form appropriately filled, signed and stamped by the relevant authorities and referees.
4. Sign the form and attach all the necessary documents **as indicated in the checklist** appearing on the last page of the LAF.
5. Present the one copy of the LAF to HELB.
6. **Retain one copy of the duly filled LAF.**

Oshwal Aid and Higher Education Loans Board reserve the right to discontinue the scholarship for students who fail to obtain the required grades to proceed to the next level of study, or are not able to obtain satisfactory reference letters from the university. Beneficiaries will undertake to provide academic transcripts to HELB at the end of each semester/academic year.

*For a pleasant online experience, please ensure that you read, understand and follow the instructions provided at the beginning of the online loan application process.*

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE LOAN APPLICATIONS 31<sup>st</sup> MAY, 2018**

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