

Terms and Conditions for Sponsorship

Successful applicants will be sponsored for the entirety of the education program they are studying at the time of education as long as the following terms and conditions continue to be met.

For example, if you are funded to complete your secondary schooling, you do not need to reapply each year. However, on completion of your secondary schooling, if you want to continue your education in another post-secondary qualification, you will need to reapply.

All applicants must meet the eligibility criteria outlined below, and be willing to sign an agreement to uphold the conditions of funding if their application is successful.

Eligibility Criteria:

You must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

- ☐ You are female
- ☐ You were born and reside in a low-income (developing) country (see Note 1 for further information)
- ☐ You have been offered a place in a school, training centre, University, or other established educational institution and you can provide evidence of this offer
- ☐ You have not previously obtained an under-graduate level degree anywhere
- ☐ You can demonstrate a lack of opportunity to access an education because of your gender (see Note 2 for further information)

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Application Assessment

1. Applications are assessed on the basis of responses provided in the application form.
2. All applications are assessed by at least three members of the Esther Education Foundation Board and successful applicants identified on the basis of meeting eligibility criteria and perceived need. Decisions are made by consensus, and if this is not reached by the three assessing board members, may go to an Executive Board member vote.
3. Applicants can apply for funding to cover the costs associated with their studies including:
 - a. Tuition
 - b. Accommodation (where it is not viable to live at home during study periods)
 - c. Transport Allowance
 - d. Textbook/Equipment/Stationary
4. Applicants must provide evidence of authenticity for the funding amount(s) being requested (e.g., invoices/quotes from institution/accommodation services/stationer).
5. If an applicant successfully applies for funding, the board may offer full or partial funding for the items requested on the application form. The full amount requested is not guaranteed.
6. Applications for funding will only be considered if the Foundation has sufficient funds, or anticipates being able to acquire the required funds, to meet the educational costs associated with the application being assessed.
7. The board's decision on funding an applicant is final. Applicants may re-apply but there are no processes to appeal a decision on a given application.

Terms of Funding

8. Successful applicants will be notified in writing via email and the terms of the funding will be detailed in an offer that the applicant will need to accept or reject within a specified time period.
9. Applicants will need to provide, in writing, their acceptance of an offer for funding, and their agreement to uphold the terms and conditions of funding within a specified time period.
10. The Foundation will provide required funds directly to the organisations/institutions concerned wherever possible rather than provide cash advances.
11. Where funds are provided directly to the applicant, they must be used only for the approved items as noted in the letter of offer.
12. You must try your best to be successful in your studies at all times, including attending all required classes and completing necessary study outside of class.
13. You must submit all required assessment tasks according to the enrolling institution's requirements.
14. You may take any necessary periods of leave as long as they comply with the rules of your institution/course. Generally, funding is not provided for accommodation/services during periods of leave.
15. You must comply with any rules and requirements set out by your place of accommodation if accommodation is included in your sponsorship.
16. You need to submit a report on your results and progress at the end of each semester of study (bi-annually) to the Foundation via the Foundation email.
17. Funding for your study will continue as long as you are abiding by the above requirements, making satisfactory progress in your study, and as long as the Foundation has the required funds available.
18. Funding is provided only for periods of study as advertised by the enrolling institution.
19. You must notify the Foundation as soon as practicable if any of the following occur:
 - a. You cease your sponsored studies;
 - b. Your enrolment is terminated by the enrolling institution;
 - c. You are no longer able to uphold the terms and conditions of your sponsorship;
 - d. Any other reason that may affect your continued studies as they were documented/agreed on for sponsorship through the Foundation.
20. You will receive in writing, notice of the conclusion of the funding period:
 - a. upon completion of the qualification for which you are being funded;
 - b. if funding is terminated due to a breach in these terms and conditions;
 - c. if you cease your studies prior to completion of the qualification;
 - d. if the Foundation suffers financial loss or is unable to attract sufficient donations to continue to meet your sponsorship.

Other

21. With your permission, the Foundation will use your story and photograph(s) on the Esther Education Foundation website. This assists the Foundation in sharing with its donors how their money is being utilised. If you are concerned about your identity or story becoming public, we can use a pseudonym and refrain from publishing photographs. This will be negotiated directly with you during the offer/acceptance of funding process and has no bearing on the assessment of your application.
22. These terms and conditions may be updated/replaced at any time at the discretion of the Esther Education Foundation Executive Board. You will receive, in writing, any change in terms and conditions if this occurs during your period of sponsorship.