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USJM BURSARY SCHEME-2023

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Background

The Archdiocese of Mbarara (AoM) started a university as part of its mission and mandate to establish educational institutions of different levels to share in the salvific ministry of Christ by being the salt and light to the world. The founders coined the name: University of Saint Joseph Mbarara (USJM), for the university from St. Joseph, foster father to Jesus and the patron Saint of the pioneer St. Joseph Technical School, whose tradition of hard workmanship and community responsive education, USJM is to uphold.

The personal qualities and values of St. Joseph, the worker, such as integrity, hardworking, commitment, are behind this tradition, and the University will uphold them. USJM aims at total orientation and focus on tertiary education that meets community needs and engineers' socioeconomic transformation. It delivers relevant, affordable, high quality, inclusive and community-responsive university education. The University of Saint Joseph Mbarara derives its vision and mission from the Christian understanding of the integral growth of a person.

- i. **Vision:** A leading center for integrated community responsive university education.

- ii. **Mission:** To provide holistic education for sustainable development.
- iii. **Motto:** Foster Excellence and Integrity (*Praestantia et Integritate Foveat*)
- iv. **Slogan:** For and With the Community
- v. **Philosophy:** Community-Responsive and Engaged university education

Core Values

- a. God fearing,
- b. Integrity,
- c. Excellence,
- d. Accountability,
- e. Community responsiveness

Objectives:

- a. To provide relevant university education.
- b. To promote research and innovation among the students.
- c. To nurture citizens of integrity and sense of common good.

- d. To nurture students with demand-oriented skills.
- e. To promote best practices in institutional governance.
- f. To promote pastoral mission of the church

It is USJM commitment to encourage the development of each individual through education at all levels, stressing in particular the creation/promotion of an environment where intellectual and moral values are priorities. Since the person is at the center of all growth and development, both at individual and societal levels, all members of the community respect each other in an attempt to create an environment of openness and trust. The University is committed to promoting justice, respect, solidarity, human rights, equality, and environmental protection, both in its own community and society in general.

In order to boost enrollment of students and help the needy or disadvantaged ones the University of Saint Joseph Mbarara (USJM) has come up with a Bursary scheme that is addressed, for execution, to Priests, Head teachers, Teachers, Organizations and Individuals of good will who can solicit students that will be admitted to its various programs on subsidized tuition fees. Under

this bursary scheme the person who solicits students and the students themselves will benefit as clarified below:

Category one

Priests, Head teachers, organizations & Individuals

- a) Bring 10 students and get a scholarship for 2 students.
- b) Bring 5 students and get a scholarship for one student.
- c) For individuals, bring 5 students and get 50,000 per student (one off).

Terms and conditions for the scheme

- i. The beneficiaries shall be identified by the sponsors i.e. (Priests, Head teachers, organizations and individuals of good will). And favor goes to the needy students.
- ii. The bursary shall be for the entire duration of the student's programme. The scheme does not cater for retakes, dead years/semesters, except for genuine cause, like sickness.
- iii. The bursary shall take effect after the full registration.
- iv. The subsidy falls on tuition fees only.

Category two

Bursaries to the Religious people

The University of Saint Joseph Mbarara appreciates the contribution the Archdiocese of Mbarara has made towards the establishment of this University. Management is proposing to offer bursaries to the following categories of religious:

- i. Priests
- ii. Sisters/nuns
- iii. Brothers

These bursaries shall cover 30% of tuition fees.

3.2 Terms and conditions for the scheme

- a- The bursaries are open to the categories of religious groups listed above and who hail from, working within and outside the Archdiocese of Mbarara and belonging to a recognized congregation.
- b- The applicants shall be recommended by their Superiors
- c- The bursaries shall be for the entire duration of the student's study program.
- d- The bursaries shall not cater for dead years/semesters or retakes.
- e- The bursary shall take effect after the full registration.

Category three

Chancellor's Bursary

The Chancellor of USJM will every academic year be entitled to:

- (a) Two scholarships at 100% of tuition fees to completion of a program.
- (b) Two Bursaries at 50% of tuition fees to completion of a program.

Category four

Needy students

Needy students may apply for tuition fees subsidy after registration. Management will consider such applications and will allow it after verification and conducting serious due diligence.

5.2 Some considerations here below:

- a) Letter from the applicant
- b) Academic qualifications and talent or skills.
- c) Recommendation from Sub County Chief and BECs.
- d) Recommendation from Hiika Catechist and Parish Priest.
- e) Visiting the applicant's home when deemed necessary.
- f) History of applicant (schools where one studied, etc.
- g) If they come more than one from same village, school, area, etc., they may benefit from a higher subsidy offer.

- h) The subsidy shall not exceed 30% of tuition fees.
- i) The bursary shall take effect after the full registration.

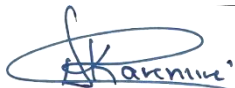
Approval of the Bursary Scheme

This manual has been approved by the University of Saint Joseph Mbarara Governing Council on thisday of.....



Rev Fr Gervase Nsekanimanya Diido

CHAIRMAN GOVERNING COUNCIL



Rev Fr Dr Deus M Karemire (PhD)

VICE CHANCELLOR

Note:

- i- There shall be a Bursary committee.
- ii- The committee shall have guideless to follow.
- iii- Approved by Governing Council Finance committee on 1 March 2023.