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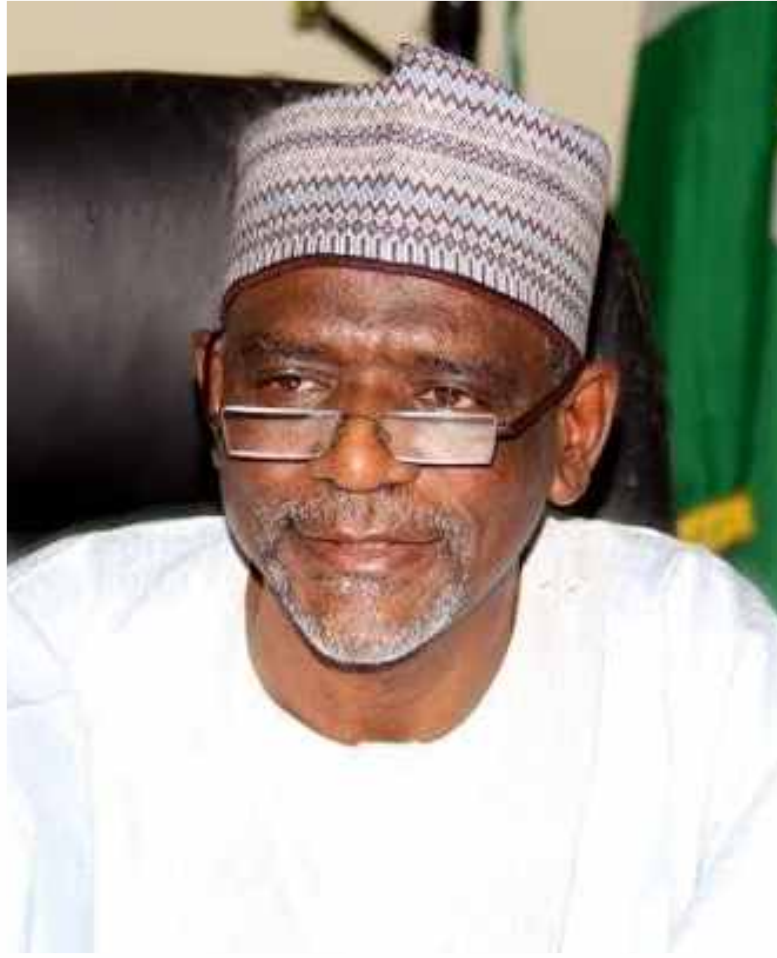
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1.0 INTRODUCTION:

1.1 The Federal Scholarship Board (FSB) is a Department under the office of the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education headed by a Director. It is located at the Federal Ministry of Education Annex, plot 245 Samuel Ademulegun Street, Opposite Arewa Suites, Central Business District, Abuja. The Board for the purpose of decentralization has offices in each of the six (6) Geo-political zones for administrative conveniences and effectiveness. Namely, Minna for North Central, Guzau for North West, Bauchi for North East, Akure for South West, Enugu for South East and Port Harcourt for South South.

2.0 MANDATE OF THE FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIP BOARD (FSB)

- 2.1 Implementation of Federal Government Policy and programmes relating to foreign and local scholarship awards to the deserving Nigerian scholars;
- 2.2 Preparation/Organization of various Scholarship Programmes such as [Nigeria Awards, Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (CSFP) and other international and Bilateral Scholarship Aid Programme];
- 2.3 Planning, coordinating and screening of qualified Nigerian Scholars and forwarding of outstanding Scholars to Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, London United Kingdom (UK) for final selection;
- 2.4 Organizing national screening exercise for the selection of qualified candidates for the award of scholarship to study in Nigerian Public Tertiary Institution and for nomination of students for Bilateral and Multilateral Scholarship Awards;
- 2.5 Processing the remittances of scholar's allowances to Scholars accounts in foreign countries; from the Ministry through the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and Nigeria Embassy of various countries where we have the scholars.
- 2.6 Guiding and Advising States Scholarship Boards on scholarship policies and programmes through Annual Coordinating Committee Meeting of Secretaries of the Federal and State Scholarship Boards;
- 2.7 Supervising and monitoring the activities of Federal Government's scholars in Tertiary Institutions locally and abroad; through Verification Exercise.

- 2.9 Liaising with Tertiary Institution's and Foreign Missions on scholarship awards and other matters on scholars and
- 2.10 Publicizing other scholarship information to interested Nigerians.

3.0 Vision and Mission Statement

- 3.1 Our mission is to use education as a tool for fostering the development of all Nigerian citizens to their full potentials, in the promotion of a strong, democratic, egalitarian, prosperous, indivisible and indissoluble sovereign nation under God”

4.0 OBJECTIVES OF FSB:

- 4.1 Main objectives of the Board include:
 - 4.1.1 To make higher education more accessible to the less privilege but brilliant students who could not afford the acquisition of such education;
 - 4.1.2 To reward excellence, promote and encourage academic performance;
 - 4.1.3 To augment formal education and development for middle and level manpower needs;
 - 4.1.4 To promote attainment of the national educational goals; and
 - 4.1.5 To improve access to quality education and promote retention in schools.

5.0 STRUCTURE AND VARIOUS DIVISIONS IN FSB

Administratively, FSB has four (4) Divisions and three (3) Units namely:

- 1. Bilateral Education Agreement (BEA) Division
- 2. Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship plan (CSFP) Division;
- 3. Education Bursary Award Division
- 4. General Duties Division;
- 5. Nigeria Award (NA) Division
- 6. Account Unit
- 7. Store Unit
- 8. ICT Unit

5.1 BILATERAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT (BEA) DIVISION

5.1.1 This Division is responsible for implementing scholarship offer that emanate from Bilateral Education Agreement (BEA) between the Federal Government of Nigeria and the Government of other countries, Such as: Russia, Algeria, China, Egypt, Morocco, Serbia, Hungary, Mexico, Venezuela and Romania. We have a total number of One thousand, Nine Hundred (1900) Scholars spread across the countries as shown in the table below:

5.1.2 This Division advertises and conducts nominations exercise of qualified candidates. Nomination is always through an Inter-Ministerial Committee Meeting whose members is the Perm. Sec. of Education as Chairman with other members as followings: Rep. of HME and HMSE, Reps Federal Character Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, Directors of FSB, DESS, Director (Legal Services), Director (ICT), DDs at the FSB and AD(ICT) as Secretary.

5.1.3 The Division organizes Verifications of Scholars in BEA Countries and keeps Report.

S/NO	COUNTRY	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	TOTAL
1.	ALGERIA	15	18	17	26	32				108
2.	CHINA	2	5	11	4	38	47	35	3	145
3.	CUBA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.	EGYPT	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	5
5.	HUNGARY	1	13	43	41	46	51	88	78	361
6.	MOROCCO	8	20	41	50	98	100	99	73	503
7.	ROMANIA	-	-	-	-	15	11	-	-	26
8.	RUSSIA	62	55	82	94	86	97	103	114	693
9.	SERBIA	-	-	1	-	-	15	10	11	37
10.	TURKEY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
11.	UKRAINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
12.	TUNISIA	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
13.	MEXICO	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
14.	VENEZUELA							17	-	18
	TOTAL									1,900

5.2 COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN (CSFP) DIVISION

5.2.1 Vision, Mission and Philosophy:

- i. To recognize and promote the highest standards of intellectual achievement, technical and professional performance.
- ii. To encourage manpower development needs of member countries.
- iii. To promote culture, mutual co-operation and exchange of educational experience among Commonwealth Countries.

5.2.2 The Division carries out thorough screening exercise to nominate qualified candidates, using the guidelines laid down by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission. The Scholarship is specially for every qualified Nigerian Students with a minimum of second class upper division to undergo masters and PHD program in the United Kingdom under the full sponsorship of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) London, United Kingdom (UK). It is worthy to note that the Commonwealth Division also handles donors award from other Commonwealth countries like New Zealand, Malaysia, South Africa, Brunei Darussalam, Tanzania, Kenya and Mauritius but not regular etc.

5.2.3 This Division advertises the Commonwealth Scholarship and invites Professors in different fields of study from Nigerian Tertiary Institutions to conduct screening excises. Thereafter, the Inter-ministerial Nomination Committee meet to select qualified applicant from Nigeria and forwarded to Commonwealth Scholarship Commission London, UK for final selection.

5.2.4 Suggestion for Improvement/Way Forward:

- i. Nigeria need to give scholarships to Low Income Commonwealth Member Countries in Africa, even if it is shared scholarship according to CSC requirement of member countries.
- ii. Commonwealth scholars from Nigeria need to be monitored and tracer mechanism put in place as requested by CSC, London.

5.2.5 Key Achievements from 2015 to 2022 with pictorial evidence:

TABLE: The table below shows Summary of Awards from Commonwealth Scholarship tenable in United Kingdom (UK) from 2015 – 2022.

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission Nigerian Agency Results 2015-2022

Year	Nominations made to CSC, London	No. of award received
2015	38	20
2016	38	16
2017	38	14
2018	38	24
2019	43	18
2020	51	24
2021	30	9
2022	51	8

5.3 EDUCATION BURSARY AWARD DIVISION

5.3.1 The Division is in charge of Bursary payment to Nigerian students studying Education in Nigeria Universities, and Colleges of Education as Federal Government has just re-introduced the payment of bursary awards.

5.3.2 The programme is one of many benefits as pronounced by the President during the World Teachers Day Celebration on 5th October, 2020 to encourage more students to go for education courses and produce better teachers that can stand the test of the day by all standards.

5.3.4 Vision, Mission and Philosophy:

- i. Vision is the revitalization and repositioning teaching profession in Nigeria.
- ii. Mission is to motivate more students to go for education courses.
- iii. Philosophy is to produce teachers that can stand the test of the day by all standards.

5.3.5 This is a newly introduced programme that just started this year 2022. The Bursary Scholarship Award were given to three thousand, three hundred and seventeen (3317) final year students in Nigeria Universities and Colleges of Education for the exercise to take off, while the others will subsequently be implemented whenever funds is made available. Award Letters to the beneficiaries have been distributed as indicated in the picture on pages 20

5.3.6 Suggestion for Improvement/Way Forward: For the sustainability of the programme (Education Bursary Award) it is suggested that all relevant stakeholders and organization whose activities include development of education in the country be involve as a contributor to achieve the set goal

5.3.7 Conclusion: It is laudable programme, as it will help to address the acute shortage of qualified teachers in education sector.

5.4 NIGERIA AWARD (NA) DIVISION

5.4.1 Nigeria Award (NA) is a Division responsible for handling Scholarship Award to Intelligent, but indigent Nigerian Children in Nigerian Public Tertiary Institutions. The Award cuts across series of programmes such as Post graduate (PG), Undergraduate (UG), Higher National Diploma (HND) and National Certificate of Education (NCE) in Universities, Colleges of Education and Polytechnics. This Division conducts qualify CBT exam for the candidates who apply for the scholarship and they are already in any of the public tertiary institution. Nigeria Award division also distribute award letters to all the beneficiary in their various school to ensure that they are actively in the school. Furthermore Nigeria Award Division before payment carried out verification exercise to avoid payment of scholarship to ghost scholar who are already out of school.

5.4.2 The Division also handles the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Scholarship specially meant for Female Students from the 774 Local Governments Areas in the country.

5.4.3 The Division recorded tremendous achievements during the period under review 2015 - 2022

5.4.4 The achievements are as stated below:

1. Development of FSB portal for all applicants to apply for Scholarship;
2. Introduction of CBT Exams as one of the means to screen applicants instead of paper pencil test method;
3. Implementation of the Award for the combined year 2015 and 2016 in the year 2017;
4. Introduction of special Scholarship for girl child under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to promote girl child access to education in Nigeria particularly in rural areas.
5. There is also an increase in number of Awards offered in various categories between 2015 and 2022 cutting across PHD, Masters, Undergraduate (UG) and Polytechnic (HND).

Table 1: Annual Distribution of SDG Scholarship Award (2015 – 2022):

YEAR	PHD	MSC	UG	HND	NCE	TOTAL
2015/2016	16	88	555	370	370	1,399
2017	NO AWARD					
2018	19	30	170	23	20	262
2019	16	50	295	107	45	513
2020	55	180	1,740	181	138	2,294
2021	70	149	2,550	98	204	3,071
2022	114	172	2,570	179	-	3,035

5.4.5 Within the period under review (2015 – 2022) there was an upward review of the amount being paid to Awardees as follows PHD from N180,000.00 (One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Naira) to N380,000.00 (Three Hundred and Eighty Thousand Naira); Masters from N180,000.00 (One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Naira) to N300,000.00 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira) and Polytechnic (Higher National Diploma – HND) respectively as shown in the table below.

Table 2: Value of Nigeria Award Scholarship showing Old and New Rate

CATEGORY	OLD RATE (₦)	NEW RATE (₦)
PHD	180,000	380,000
MSC	180,000	300,000
UG	150,000	250,000
HND	100,000	200,000
NCE	100,000	200,000

Attached are relevant photographs showing activities of Nigerian Award on pages 21

5.5 GENERAL DUTIES DIVISION (PRESSID/ NYSC EXCORP SCHOLARSHIP AWARD)

5.5.1 The Division handles all administrative matters in the Scholarship Board. They are also responsible for planning of the Coordinating Committee Meeting (CCM) and monitoring the Presidential Special Award for NYSC members who distinguish themselves during their service to their fatherland.

In addition to maintenance of facilities and structures in the Board.

5.5.2 The Division recorded tremendous achievements during the period under review.

5.5.3 The achievements are as stated below:

1. Transfer of 2010 to 2014 Presidential Scholarship awardees i.e PRESSID and NYSC EX-CORPS from National Universities Commission to Federal Scholarship Board in July 2017 who are studying in various countries in the world for continue implementation;
2. Verification exercise was carried out on the 2010 – 2011 PRESSID and NYSC Ex-corps awardees after which all their tuition and Living Expense were paid to them in 2019.
3. Payment of all Tuition and Living expenses were paid to 2012 – 2014 Presidents NYSC Ex-Corps awardees to study to master's degree level only in countries in the world due to policy change.
4. Received 184 combined sets of 2015, 2016 and 2017 Presidents NYSC EX Corps awarded in 2019. These category of awardees are to study up to PhD in any Tertiary Institution in Nigeria.
5. Also received 110 combined sets of 2018 and 2019 Presidents NYSC EX Corps awarded in 2021 also to further their studies in Nigeria
6. Values of Presidential scholarship award tenable in any Nigerian University for PGD one year (1) only, Masters' Degree two (2) years at N1,300,000.00 per annum. PhD Three (3) years at N1,500,000.00 per annum.
7. Organized ICT training for all FSB staff which took place at the six Geo political zones in Nigeria in 2019.

5.5.4 CHALLENGES

- i. In ability of the awardees securing admission at the same time;
- ii. Lack of TSA Account for FSB delays payment to beneficiaries and difficulties in tracking those that have been paid and those yet to be paid/serviced.

5.5.5 SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT/WAY FORWARD

- a. Generate TSA Account for FSB to make tracking of payment easy;

5.6 Accounts Units: This is the unit that handles financial matters as it affects both staff and scholars. The unit gives advice on financial regulations.

They report directly to the Director FSB.

5.7 Store Unit: The store unit takes custody of all materials both movable and immovable items belonging to the board. They make available materials to enable staff discharge their duties and reports directly to the Director FSB.

5.8 Information and Communication Technology (ICT): This Unit handles all the issues relating to ICT such as downloading and uploading of information from scholars within and outside the country as well as staff from zonal offices. The unit reports directly to the Director FSB

6.0 CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

6.1 BILATERAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT (BEA)

- I. **UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS:** All applicants for Undergraduate must possess a minimum qualification of Seven (7) Distinctions (As & Bs) in their Senior Secondary School certificate, WAEC (May/June) only in the relevant to their fields of study including English Language and Mathematics. Please NOTE that Certificates should not be more than two (2) years old for Non-African Countries and for African countries the age of certificate is one year only. Age limit is from 18-20 years.
- II. **POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS:** All applicants for Msc and PhD program must possess 1st Class or 2nd Class Upper Division in their first Degree and must have completed NYSC. With Age limits of 35 years for Masters and 40 years for PhD applicants.

6.2 NIGERIA AWARD SCHOLARSHIP: The eligibility criteria for Nigerian Award are as follows:

- I. Applicants for Postgraduate studies should possess a minimum of first degree with Second Class Honours Division. Applicant must be registered Full-Time student of Federal or State Universities.
- ii. All other applicants (UG, HND & NCE) must be registered full-time students in their second year or above in Federal or State Universities, Polytechnics, Monotechnics and Colleges of Education.

All undergraduate Scholarship applicants (Physically challenged inclusive) must have at least 4.0 Cumulative Grade Points Aggregate (CGPA) on a five (5) point scale or its equivalents or 5.0 on a 7point scale.

- iii. All NCE and HND applicants must have a CGPA of 3.5 and above on a scale of 4.0

7.0 APPLICATION PROCESSES

- i. Opening of portal
- ii. Visit www.education.gov.ng
- iii. Adverts is placed on www.education.gov.ng, NTA, Newspapers etc
- iv. Qualified Applicants apply
- v. Application are downloaded
- vi. Applicants are subjected to JAMB CBT Exam
- vii. Results are collated
- viii. Inter-Ministerial meeting for the nomination/ Selection of Applicants is conducted.
- ix. Successful applicants are sent to the country as requested based on the vacancy requested by the donor countries

8.0 APPRECIATION / CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The FSB sincerely appreciate the Honourable Minister of Education and Honourable Minister of State Education for their support without which the FSB would have not been able to achieve much. The same appreciation is extended to our amiable Permanent Secretary for his relentless support and directive which in no small way make FSB achieved the set goal

FSB equally appreciate them for prompt approval and release of fund for scholars within and outside Nigeria. A special appreciation to Honourable Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu for upward review of the value of Nigeria award and the directive to increase the number of awards per state.

APPENDIX



VC Federal Univeristy Lokoja collecting award letter from FSB Staff on behalf of beneficiaries from he's scool (1)



Nigeria award inter ministerial nomination committee's meeting chaired by the PSE (2)



Distribution of Nigeria Award letters to beneficiaries of the
Federal University Dutsima, Katsina State



The VC Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Bauchi collecting award
letters on behalf of beneficiaries in he's school from FSB Staff (4)



Deen Student affairs Kaduna Polytechnic receiving award letter on behalf of beneficiaries in he's school from FSB Staff



Inter Ministerial nomination committee meeting to nominate candidates for common wealth



Photo during Nigerian award verification exercise



Distribution of award letters to beneficiaries of the Federal University,
Oye Ekiti Vice Chancellor in the Pics



DVC Kogi State Univeristy Ayangba collecting N/A scholarship letter from FSB staff on behalf of his student



Group photograph of Beneficiary of Nigeria Award Scholarship in Kogi State University, Ayangba



Distribution of Nigeria Award letters to beneficiaries



Photo showing Nigeria Award verification exercise
at Federal University Dutse Katsina State

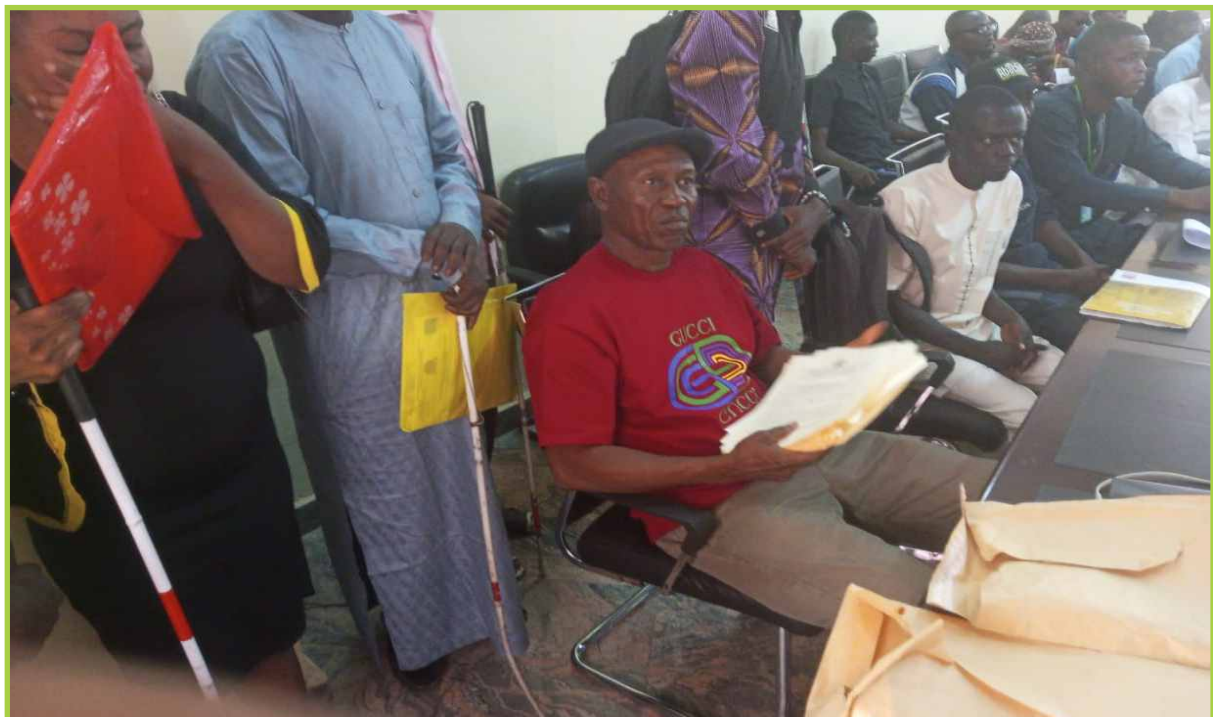


Screening of common wealth scholarship applicants by invited professor



Deen University of Jos presenting Award letter to one of the beneficiary

**Visually impaired student beneficiaries of the
Nigerian Award in the University of Jos, Plateau State**



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Group photograph with Director and staff of FSB before BEA departure



Serbia 2022



BEA Scholars for 2022 first and second batches to Russia



BEA Scholars for 2022 second batch to Russia



Third batch of Hungary Scholars departing from Kano Airport
due to scarcity of airline tickets from Abuja



Second batch BEA Scholars for departing to Morocco 2022



BEA Algeria Scholar's



Verification of BEA Scholar's in Belgrade, Serbia by the Director FSB, 2022



Director FSB presenting award letter to BEA Scholar



Director FSB presenting award letter to BEA Scholar



Verification of Nigeria Award beneficiaries



Group photograph of FSB staff with Russian Ambassador



DVC UNIJOS signing Award letter form for the student



FSB Staff monitoring the conduct of CBT in one of the centers



FSB Staff monitoring the conduct of CBT in one of the centers



Pre screening briefing with invited professor for commonwealth scholarship



BEA scholars arriving in Caracas, Venezuela September, 2022



Director FSB presenting Award letter to one of the BEA Scholar



FSB Staff with the Nigeria Ambassador to Morrocco



Director FSB briefing BEA Scholar before departure



Beneficiary of Nigeria Award UNIJOS



Photo taken during the conduct of CBT

