**The Toyin Falola Center**

hereby announces the

**Toyin Falola and Joseph Friesen Scholarship**

(TFJF Scholarship)

**Objective of the Scholarship**

Dr. Toyin Falola (Jr) and Joseph Friesen hereby institute a scholarship scheme to benefit young people wishing to pursue university education in the fields of science or medicine at Nigeria universities. For the 2020 competition, only students in math and software engineering at First Technical University will be considered.

Recognizing that many brilliant, hardworking, and deserving Nigerian young people are unable to enter or remain in university specifically due to the lack of funds to complete their studies, this scholarship award aims to help two young Nigerians over a two-year period to achieve their dreams in order to make contributions to the development and progress of the Nigerian nation.

**Award Amount**

The award will be for 3,000 US dollars per candidate, divided up into annual installments over two years (1,500 US dollars per year). There will be two scholarship winners. The goal will be to cover tuition, books, and other school related expenses.

**Administration of the Award**

The process of advertisement, evaluation of applications, selection of candidates, verification of claims and documents, monitoring of progress, disbursement of award, and sundry other related tasks shall be undertaken by the Toyin Falola Center on behalf of Dr. Toyin Falola and Joseph Friesen, the grantors.

**Criteria for selection**

The scholarship will be awarded to students who demonstrate excellence in academic achievement, promising leadership qualities, and outstanding character. Academic achievement is recognized as outstanding achievement in all of WAEC/SSCE, UTME and first year examinations already undertaken by the candidate. Consistent high achievement is important for selection and retention on the scholarship. Other abilities must be evidenced by candidate’s prior record and attested to by relevant individuals in her/his community. The candidate must also clearly show evidence of indigence and inability to pay fees without the aid of the scholarship.

Note that:

* Candidates must have completed the first year of studies and fulfill all criteria as set by the Toyin Falola Center.
* A candidate whose application is successful will have the distinction of being named a Toyin Falola and Joseph Friesen (TFJF) Scholar for the duration of the award.

**Requirements/Conditions of the scholarship**

If any of the following conditions are not met, subsequent installments of the scholarship will not be granted to the student:

The TFJF Scholar must maintain the academic distinction at the minimum grade level of Second Class Upper Division, and character qualities identified upon the award throughout her/his studentship;

The TFJF Scholar must remain at the institution/university approved for the scholarship; and

The TFJF Scholar must complete annual reports to be sent to the Toyin Falola Center about her/his progress including updated official transcripts and current GPA.

Candidates must ensure that their application documents are authentic and are a true reflection of the criteria of the award. Any fraud discovered in the Scholar’s application documents or in her/his claims will lead to an immediate forfeiture of the scholarship (if already awarded), formal report to the university, a public disclaimer, and the repayment of any part of the award already disbursed to the individual as at the time of the discovery.

**Application dates**

Applications this year are accepted between May 1, 2020, and July 15, 2020. The selected candidates for this year will be announced by August 15, 2020.

**Required application documents:**

o A completed application form

o A letter of application (5300 character maximum), convincingly setting forth the need for the scholarship and demonstrating the candidate’s goals in pursuing a university education

o Certified true copy of WAEC/NECO result, at one sitting only

o Certified true copy of Jamb result

o Certified true copy of university admission letter

o First year transcripts/results, sent directly from the University to the Center

o Two recommendation letters attesting to the candidate’s academic achievement and promise, leadership potentials, and character

Shortlisted candidates may be required to submit additional documents or verification.

**Submission of documents**

Candidates *must* ensure that all documents are sent in a single email as one attachment to tfjfscholarship@gmail.com between May 1, 2020, and July 15, 2020. *Documents arriving late for any reason at all will not be considered.*

**Documents may be scanned and emailed to** **tfjfscholarship@gmail.com**.