

# **ABEL OGUNDOKUN ODELEYE FOUNDATION (AOF) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

## **GUIDELINES AND PROCESS**

### **Background:**

AOF will provide several scholarships annually in honor of the memory of Chief (Dr.) A.O. Odeleye. Each one-year scholarship will be in the amount of N10,000 – N35,000 and is to be used to cover educational expenses at any accredited primary school, secondary school or college/university. Each scholarship granted is for that school year only, but may be renewable up to three years by re-applying in subsequent years.

### **Criteria for Application (see attached application form):**

- Applicant must be a child, grandchild or stepchild of a current AFIJO resident with at least five years of residency.
- Applicant cannot be a child or stepchild of a current Board member.
- Child, grandchild or stepchild must be enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in a primary school, secondary school or college/university when applying for the scholarship.
- The applicant must be enrolled in or have accepted admissions to a publicly funded educational institution to be eligible.

### **Scholarship Criteria (see attached application form):**

- Academic achievement (**above 70% or 2.1 grade/GPA** required)
- Leadership
- Community involvement

### **Selection Process:**

- Please send your application to the Foundation Office at **No. 1 Church Road, Ilora** or other designated collection center, or email completed application form to **support@aof.org**.
- Applications received after the deadline of **June 28th, 2019** will not be accepted. Although different parts of the application may come in at different times (e.g. transcripts may arrive separately from the rest of the materials), **all application materials must be received by the deadline**. If any piece of the application is missing as of the deadline, the application will not be accepted.
- Applications will be screened as they come in to ensure all materials are included and the applicant meet the minimum requirements (GPA, residency and relationship requirements as listed on application)
- A selection committee will be assembled with possible representation from the AFIJO communities as well as members of the AOF Board of Directors. This committee will review the applications and select the top candidates.
- The selection committee will interview each of the selected top candidates. Applicant interviews will be conducted only in person.
- After the interviews, the committee will meet again to select the winners.

### **Timeline:**

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| May        | Scholarship guidelines and process communicated to local schools, local religious establishments and local government offices. |
| May - June | Applications submitted   |
| July       | Applications reviewed  |
| July       | Interviews   |
| August     | Awards announced   |
| August     | Scholarship money awarded to students  |

### **Recognition:**

- Tangible award
- Names published in AOF publications.

### **Other:**

- Scholarship amounts will be presented jointly in the form of a check to the student/parent and educational institution with directions to apply the money toward tuition or other academic related expenses (e.g. books, fees, etc.)
- AOF will verify student enrollment with the primary school, secondary school or college/university.