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ASHINAGA 100 YEAR VISION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2016

ASHINAGA is a Japan-based non-profit organization which provides educational and psychological support to orphaned children worldwide. This organization is offering **one** scholarship for undergraduate studies for Academic Year 2017 as follows:

2. **Eligibility Criteria**

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credit in at least five subjects at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level in three subjects at Principal Level obtained at one and the same sitting, with the HSC/GCE 'A' Level having been sat in 2014 or 2015; and
- (iii) have lost one or both parents.

3. **Age Limit**

Candidates should not have reached 22 years of age by the closing date of application.

4. **Conditions of Scholarships**

- 4.1 The scholarship guarantees a scholarship for 4 years of tuition fees, accommodation and other living expenses (if the University offers any kind of financial aid, the remaining balance will be granted).
- 4.2 Successful candidates will only apply to Universities outside of Africa through consultation with Ashinaga.
- 4.3 Successful applicants must participate in the two Ashinaga preparatory program in Uganda and Senegal. (The first camp will be held from early July to Mid-December 2016. The second programme will be held from mid-May to July 2017).
- 4.4 In case they are selected, candidates will need to submit the **Certificate of Fitness** endorsed by a Registered Medical Practitioner to the Scholarships Section. In this respect, **candidates are advised to make prior arrangements so that this certificate is submitted at the time of notification of selection.** The template for the Certificate of Fitness can be downloaded from the Ministry's website at:

<http://ministry-education.govmu.org>
- 4.5 Beneficiaries of scholarships will be required to sign an undertaking at the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research (Scholarships Section), thereby committing themselves to return to Mauritius immediately after completion of their studies and work for at least two years in the public or private sector.

4.6 Selected candidates will have to sit for an examination and only the best-qualified candidates will be called for an interview. Candidates who have not been informed of their short listing within six weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been shortlisted.

5. **Mode of Application**

5.1 Applications must be made on the prescribed form available at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, 1st Floor, MITD House, Phoenix, or may be downloaded from the Ministry's website:

<http://ministry-education.govmu.org>

5.2 The completed forms along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **Monday 29 February 2016 at 14.00 hours at latest**. Certified copies of the applicant's birth certificate and death certificate(s) of deceased parent(s) must also be submitted.

5.3 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards. However, applicants are reminded that no application will be considered "in absentia" and that they should be present for the interview.

5.4 Applicants already in employment, whether public or private, must fill in the application forms in duplicate. One copy thereof along with the relevant supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section, and one copy to the applicant's employer to enable the latter to decide on the release of applicant for the course, and if so, on what terms and conditions. **Such information should be made available together with the applications. In case an applicant has not received his release letter, same can be produced at the time of interview.**

5.5 A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.

5.6 Applicants are reminded that being nominated by the Ministry does not automatically guarantee final selection for an award.

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