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ASHINAGA AFRICA INITIATIVE 2017

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 2018.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credit in at least five subjects including English Language at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC with passes in three subjects at Principal Level and in General Paper obtained at one and the same sitting, with the HSC Examination having been sat in 2015 or 2016; and
- (iii) have lost one or both parents.

3. Age Limit

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

4. Conditions of Scholarships

- 4.1 The Ashinaga helps students access full financial support to study abroad that covers the costs of tuition, accommodation, insurance, and flights; and provides a monthly stipend which covers necessary academic costs and food.
- 4.2 The Scholarship Scheme does not support candidates for Medical (Doctor) Degrees, although it does support three or four-year degrees related to medicine, such as biomedicine.
- 4.3 Scholars are required return to Sub-Saharan Africa within 5 years after graduation for 10 consecutive years to work there. If scholars failed to

return, they are required to refund the costs of the financial support they are given in order to fund other Ashinaga scholars.

- 4.4 Successful candidates will only apply to Universities outside of Africa through consultation with Ashinaga.
- 4.5 Successful applicants must participate in two Ashinaga preparatory programs. (The first camp will be held from early July to Mid-December 2017. The second programme will be held between May and June 2018.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 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 13 March 2017 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. The final decision for award rests with the donor organisation.

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