

Beyond Borders: Pathways and Impact of International Education

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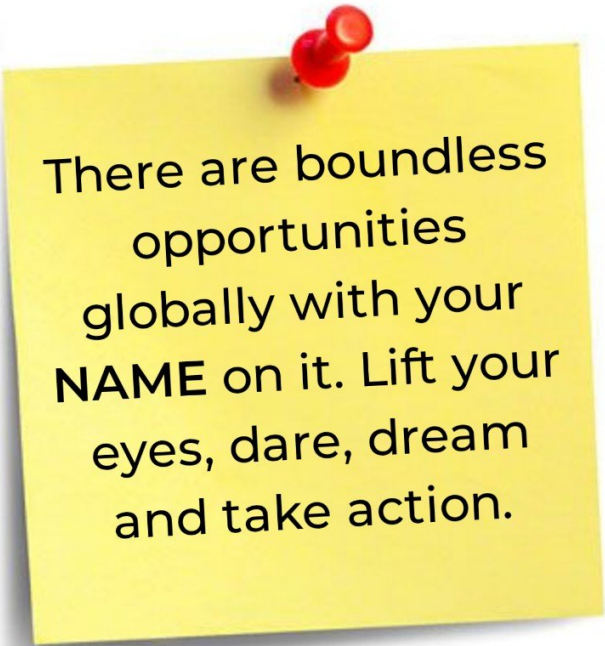
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There are boundless opportunities globally with your **NAME** on it. Lift your eyes, dare, dream and take action.



This series explores the experiences of experts on how they received international scholarships, with tips and tricks to excel.





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International education gave her the much-needed edge, exposure, increased perspective, and cultural immersion. The financial process required her to save funds, but what if people could get access to international education early, reach their potential, and become the leaders they desire to be?



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He graduated from the University of Ilorin with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He most recently served as a SAP Finance Analyst for Dangote Cement PLC. After being awarded the esteemed Erasmus Mundus Master's scholarship last year, he is currently pursuing his Master's degree in Global Markets and Local Creativities (GLOCAL).



He was first informed and motivated by a colleague at the office about international scholarship applications. His interest settled on the Erasmus scholarship, an opportunity to study in three countries. The conversation was new to him and challenging for someone who was never aware of such provision nor flown by air. It took him four years to secure a scholarship after several applications.

THESE ARE QUESTIONS YOU ASK YOURSELF BEFORE YOU BEGIN THE SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

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WHAT DO I WANT TO ACHIEVE IN LIFE?

Not everyone is interested in a scholarship or career.

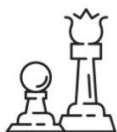
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WHY DO I WANT A SCHOLARSHIP?

You might ask why I want to build a career or further my education. This leads to the next question of;

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HOW DO I GET A SCHOLARSHIP?

This tells you the things to put in place, the processes required, the challenges, and the decisions to be made.



Rejection is a normal thing that comes with scholarship applications. He made his first application for several scholarships in 2020, and all were rejected. However, we must know that for every rejection, there is a lesson to be learned. Discover that lesson and use it in your next application.

TIPS ON WRITING A MOTIVATION LETTER



Own your story – everybody's story is unique, so do not copy others. Talk about yourself, sell yourself, and do not lie.

Have a proper structure – use the ACE tool.

A – Argument – That you are qualified for the scholarship

C – Claims – Soft skills and what you are good at.

E – Evidence -What is the evidence for your claims

STEPS ON YOUR 'HOW?'



Decide on the particular scholarship

Research your chosen scholarship



Prepare the required documents

Check for application fee requirements



Check for language requirements

Be Conversant with the mode of application





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If you want to get a scholarship, you need to prepare yourself like a scholar. Those who acquired one did something differently. It means that you need to consider your strategy to make a difference. Travelling gives you exposure. You meet people with different ideologies and intellectual capacities much advanced than yours.

THERE ARE SEVERAL CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS IN EDUCATIONAL PURSUIT:

Rich: (those with the financial resources to fund their education)

Intelligent: (those who obtain scholarships from humble backgrounds).

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What do I want? And Why? The earlier you discover it, the better.

Identify the scholarship you qualify for – there are different types of scholarships available.

Understand the process, know what to write and how to write it – there are specific questions asked, and you need to understand what the recruiters want.

CHALLENGES EXPERIENCED DURING INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION INCLUDE



Finance – even with the scholarships, you might need more funds to take care of other necessities.



Pressure to succeed



Home sickness

SOLUTIONS



There are support groups, societies, and communities that provides the necessary help and relations needed to mitigate homesickness.

'If you want to write history, history will be kind to you' – Winston Churchill. Therefore, if you are willing to do the right thing, lines will fall in place for you.



Q & A

Question and Answer



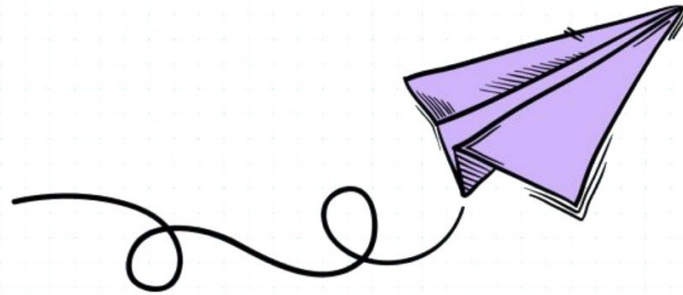
HOW DO YOU HANDLE APPLICATION REJECTION?

Rejections are a result of something missing from an application, such as insufficient evidence or inappropriate answers to questions asked. You need to encourage yourself and review your essays and answers in your applications to identify areas of errors and corrections.



CAN AN HND HOLDER WIN FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS?

Firstly, you need to graduate with a good grade and do a conversion of your grade that will be equivalent to the country or scholarship you are applying to. Do a WES evaluation.



ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR NIGERIAN UNDERGRADUATES?

Yes, there are scholarships available for undergraduates, but they are scarce and very competitive. Some are country-specific, and others are funded.



CHEVENING DID NOT REQUEST ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAMS, BUT IT IS A REQUIREMENT FOR SOME UNIVERSITIES IN THE UK. HOW DO YOU NAVIGATE THIS?

If you are not exempted, practice and take the exams. Research and follow the templates for the exam and excel.



FUNDING APPLICATION FEES

MasterCard Foundation can pay for your application fees (if you apply) to process admission in their partner universities. Schools under the MasterCard partnership require you to get an admission before a scholarship application.



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Closing Remarks

Scholarship applications are easy. People have done it so you can do the same. We have the likes of **Dr. Ola Orekunrin** of Flying Doctors who got an international scholarship and is saving lives today, **William Kamkwamba** from Malawi who built a windmill from scratch and is travelling around the world encouraging people. This can be your profile as well. It is said that 10% of salary increase comes as a result of higher education (higher for women), so consider an international education today. Research, prepare, apply, believe, do great things, and come back to inspire others.

'Stop waiting, Dare, Dream!' - Oghale Akpobome.

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