

Sankofa National Scholarship Program

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Official Rules

Note: Amendments to these rules must be recommended by the Sankofa International Youth Ghana Review Board in Ghana and approved by Sankofa International, Inc. in the USA.

The Sankofa National Scholarship Program (SNSP) is sponsored by Sankofa International Youth Ghana (SIYG), a non-governmental organization (NGO) in Ghana, West Africa. SIYG falls under the umbrella of Sankofa International, Inc., a NGO based in Washington, D.C.

The SNSP gives residents of Ghana the opportunity to register for a full scholarship (junior high school, high school, technical school, vocational school, or tertiary institution). Registration is required to be selected. The scholarship covers fees, books and supplies, accommodations, and pocket money. These official rules govern the conduct of the SNSP.

By registering, you agree to be bound by these official rules and the decisions, which shall be final.

1. The Program scholarship recipient will receive one of the following:
 - Junior high school scholarship in Ghana
 - Senior high school scholarship in Ghana
 - Technical school scholarship in Ghana
 - Vocational school scholarship in Ghana
 - Tertiary institution scholarship in Ghana

All scholarships range from one to four years, two terms each year. Scholarship amounts have been calculated, in advance, to include fees, books and supplies, accommodations, and pocket money. Calculations have taken into consideration that some schools have more than two terms.

2. The scholarship amount will be increased by 3% every year to cover cost of living increases. Any increase above 3% must be paid by the scholarship recipient. See below for example:
 - Year 1 Scholarship Payout Is 100 Ghana Cedis
 - Year 2 Scholarship Payout Is 103 Ghana Cedis
 - Year 3 Scholarship Payout Is 107 Ghana Cedis
 - Year 4 Scholarship Payout Is 111 Ghana Cedis

 - Total 421 Ghana Cedis
3. The SNSP guarantees one scholarship per registration cycle. However, multiple scholarships may be awarded, during a registration cycle, based on the total number of registrants.
4. A registrant can win one time per registration cycle. For example, if more than one scholarship is awarded during the cycle, a registrant, who registered multiple times, can receive one scholarship only.
5. There is a reasonable payout per scholarship, determined in advance of the drawing, based on prior scholarships awarded by SIYG under other scholarship programs and related research. The payout varies by scholarship type (e.g. high school or vocational). If the scholarship recipient chooses a school that exceeds the payout, the recipient is responsible for paying the difference. For example, if the scholarship payout is 100 Ghana Cedis for the term and the actual scholarship expenses total 150 Ghana Cedis, the SNSP will pay 100 and the recipient is required to pay 50.
6. The scholarship is transferrable, in full, one time. For example, the recipient can transfer the scholarship to his/her sibling. However, the sibling cannot transfer the scholarship. The recipient can transfer the scholarship so that it decreases the scholarship payout (e.g. from university scholarship to high school scholarship) but cannot transfer the scholarship so that it increases the scholarship payout (e.g. high school to university). Also, transferring the scholarship does not change the date by which the scholarship must be used.
7. The partial transfer of a scholarship is prohibited. The scholarship must be transferred in full.
8. The scholarship is good for four (4) consecutive years and at one level only. If there is a break in school attendance, the SIYG review board will determine if the scholarship can be reinstated. The decision of the review board is final.
9. The recipient has up to four (4) years to start school. For example, a recipient in 2010 must start school by 2014. After four (4) years, the scholarship is cancelled.

10. The recipient can change schools within the same level. The pay-out will not be increased due to the change. Also, the four (4) year completion time period will remain the same.
11. Within twenty-four (24) hours after the winners are selected, SNSP will make an effort to contact the recipient(s) using contact information provided during registration. Inaccurate or illegible contact information may result in contact delays that deem the scholarship to be unclaimed. Once contacted, winners will receive instructions to claim the scholarship.
12. If the scholarship is not claimed, another name will be selected. The new recipient will be awarded the scholarship at the same payout as the first winner. The new recipient cannot receive a higher payout but can receive a lesser payout.
13. To claim the scholarship, the recipient should bring the original registration stub. Also, the recipient must bring two (2) recent passport size photos, taken within six (6) months. Finally, proof of identity is required. Failure to provide acceptable identification may result in cancellation of the scholarship. Examples of acceptable identification include, but are not limited to:
 - Passport
 - Voter's Identification Card
 - Driver's License
 - Birth Certificate
14. School fees will be paid by the SNSP directly to the institution.
15. The recipient is responsible for providing invoices to the SNSP within one (1) week after receipt. If the recipient does not provide invoices in a timely manner resulting in financial penalties, the recipient is responsible for paying, out of pocket, the penalties in full.
16. After receipt of invoices, the SNSP has up to fourteen (14) calendar days to pay fees (up to the maximum payout).
17. After payment of institution invoices, the balance of the payout will be given to the recipient to manage. For example, if the payout is 100 Ghana Cedis and invoices total 40 Ghana Cedis, SNSP will pay to the institution 40 Ghana Cedis and give the balance (60 Ghana Cedis) directly to the recipient.
18. On the day winners are selected, registrants do not have to be present to win.
19. There is no limit on the number of times an individual can register.

20. The odds of winning are directly related to the total number of registrations.
21. The drawing will be a public event, and the drawing date and time will be announced in advance using multiple sources.
22. If, for any reason, the Program is not capable of running as planned, including infection by computer virus or bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes beyond the control of the SIYG, which corrupt or affect the operation, administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this Program, the SIYG may, in **its sole discretion, void any suspect entries and (a) cancel or terminate the Program (or any portion thereof); (b) modify the Program or suspend the Program to address the impairment and then resume the Program in a manner that best conforms to the spirit of these Official Rules; and/or (c) award the scholarship(s) from among the eligible, non-suspect entries received up to the time of impairment, and all eligible entries received.**
23. **Any attempt by a registrant or any other individual to undermine the legitimacy of this Program may be in violation of criminal and civil law, and** should such an attempt be made, the SIYG reserves the right to prosecute and seek damages from any such person to the fullest extent permitted by law.
24. Registrants agree that the SIYG and its affiliates will have no liability or responsibility against any liability for any injuries, losses, or damages of any kind to persons caused directly or indirectly from the acceptance, possession, and/or misuse of the scholarship.
25. For the name(s) of the scholarship recipient(s) or a copy of the Official Rules, visit www.sankofaintl.org
26. The SIYG shall not be liable for technical, pictorial, typographical, or editorial errors or omissions contained herein.
27. **Registrants** accept and agree that their names and/or likenesses may be disclosed to and used by the news media and may otherwise be used by the SIYG for publicity purposes and in lists of prize winners to be published in area newspapers, organization brochures, etc.