

**THE AWARD OF POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**  
**At the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Award of Postgraduate Scholarship of the S.O.**  
**Awokoya Foundation for Science Education**  
**March 20<sup>th</sup> 2012- Muson Center**  
**BY- DR. FOLA AWOKOYA**

**Mr. Chairman Chief Kola Daisi**  
**Our Special Guest of Honour , His Excellency Senator Ibikunle Amosun**  
**Our Guest Speaker Professor Femi Bamiro**  
**Our distinguished Honourees Dr. Kalu Idika Kalu, Dr. Stella Okoli and Mr.**  
**Gbenga Oyebode**  
**Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees**  
**Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen**

**It is my distinct honor and privilege to present the 2012**  
**Awardees of the Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation For**  
**Science Education Postgraduate Scholarship.**

**Since the inauguration of the Foundation in 1995, the Stephen**  
**Oluwole Awokoya Foundation for Science Education has made**  
**yearly awards of postgraduate scholarship for studies in the**  
**area of science and science education as part of one of**  
**our main objectives of promoting science education in**  
**institutions of higher learning in Nigeria.**

**To date the Foundation has made a total of sixty two**  
**postgraduate scholarship awards.**

**The course programs that the postgraduate scholarship award**  
**have been used for have included, for the masters course;**

**Chemical Engineering**  
**Mechanical Engineering**  
**Computer Engineering**  
**Production Engineering**  
**Human Nutrition**  
**Mathematics**  
**Pharmacology**  
**Physics**  
**Chemistry**  
**Biochemistry**  
**Physiology**  
**Science Education**  
**Special Education**  
**Public Health**

**For the Ph.D. program, the courses have included**

**Medicine**

**Cardiovascular Medicine**

**Paediatric Medicine**

**Dental Surgery**

**Preventive Dentistry**

**Chemical Pathology**

**Clinical Pharmacy**

**Pharmaceutics**

**Mechanical Engineering**

**Maths Education**

**And**

**Science Education**

**The beneficiaries of these awards have come from thirteen different universities, with the Candidates from the University of Lagos receiving Eighteen (18) awards , University of Ibadan receiving Ten (10) awards , while candidates from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka come in third with eight (8) awards.**

**The Obafemi Awolowo University and the University of Benin applicants has received 4 awards each, while Ladoke Akintola University applicants have received three (3) awards, The University of Ilorin and Lagos State University have received two(2) awards each.**

**The Ahmadu Bello University, University of Maiduguri , Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ado Bayero University and Nnamdi Azikwe University applicants have received one(1) award each.**

**These scholarship are made possible by the generous donations received by the Awokoya Foundation.**

**While most donations have been by individuals, the Foundation now has one corporate sponsor in Omatek Ventures PLC, whose chairman, Dr. Timothy Farinre was our distinguished 2009 Honours award recipient.**

**Omatek Ventures is the producer of the OMATEK brand of Computers, Notebooks and Servers and the first Nigerian Information and Communication Technology company to be listed on the Nigerian Stock Exchange. Dr. Farinre could you stand up to be recognized.**

**The process for the award of the scholarship starts with the nomination of candidates by the deans of the various faculties or heads of departments related to science or science education at the tertiary institutions in Nigeria. The nominees are expected to be the best graduating students from the various tertiary institutions.**

**The scholarship awardees are chosen based on excellence in educational performance, stated long-term objectives and an interview of the shortlisted candidates by the Board of Trustees.**

**It is important to note that the scholarship is not based on need but on excellence in educational performance.**

**In order to qualify for this award, you have to be very good in your educational performance both in your university and in comparison to other students in other universities.**

**The Awokoya Foundation scholarship is a reward for excellence and it is aimed at encouraging excellence in educational performance. This year, nominations came from the highest number of universities to date. There was a total of 69 applications from 22 universities**

**The applications include**

**13 from KOGI STATE UNIVERSITY  
9 from FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, MINNA  
7 from FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, AKURE  
6 from UNIVERSITY OF PORT-HARCOURT  
5 from UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA  
4 each from REDEEMERS UNIVERSITY,  
OLABISI ONABANJO UNIVERSITY  
and the FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, ABEOKUTA  
2 each from UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN,  
ABUBAKAR TAFAWA BALEWA UNIVERSITY  
and ABIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**With the rest of the universities having one(1) nomination each.  
Including;**

**USMANU DANFODIYO UNIVERSITY**

**UNIVERSITY OF UYO**

**UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS**

**UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN**

**UNIVERSITY OF ADO-EKITI**

**FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, OWERRI**

**ENUGU STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,**

**DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY, ABRAKA**

**BELLS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

**BAYERO UNIVERSITY**

**AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY**

Out of the sixty nine (69) applicants, there were

**29 First Class Graduates or graduates with Distinctions**

**25 Second Class Honours Graduates**

**and**

**15 Applicants who had not graduated as of the time our decision was being made and thus made them ineligible for consideration.**

We noticed that the recent ASUU strike may have affected nominations from the universities that used to dominate the nominations in previous years. We suspected that this may have affected nominations from the university of Lagos, university of Ibadan and the Obafemi Awolowo University.

The postgraduate scholarship award covers tuition and Board. The value is now Two Hundred Thousand Naira (N=200,000) per student per annum.

It is renewable each year, for a maximum of three years, provided the awardee maintains a good record of academic performance as attested to by the authorities of the university he or she attends.

It is tenable in any Nigerian university. Recently , we have been converting the scholarship into travel grants in order to assist awardees who obtain admission into foreign universities.

**This year we have six(6) postgraduate scholarship awardees chosen from the Sixty Nine applications received.**

**The first awardee for the Postgraduate Scholarship of the Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation for Science Education for the year 2012 is Miss. Oyinlola Adams. Miss Adams, please come up to the rostrum.**

**Miss Adams attended Mayflower Junior School for her primary schooling and Mayflower School for her secondary schooling, before attending the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta.**



**She graduated with a First Class Bachelors degree in Agricultural Economics and Farm Management from the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta. Miss Adams intends to pursue a post graduate degree in Agricultural and Resource Economics and ultimately become a professor in her discipline.**

**The second awardee is Reverend Sister Maria Amarakristi Onyido. Reverend sister Onyido, please come up to the rostrum.**

**Reverend Sister Maria Onyido attended Charles Heerey Memorial Juniorate in Urualla Ideato North Local Governemnet Area in Imo State for secondary schooling.**



**The Charles Heerey Memorial Juniorate is described as a formative school belonging to the congregation of the sister of the Immaculate Heart Of Mary, Mother Of Christ.**

**It was at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka that Reverend Sister Maria Onyido blossomed academically to graduate with a First Class degree in mathematics as well as being the best graduating student in both her faculty as well as the entire university of Nigeria , Nsukka with a grade point average 4.85 on a 5.0 GPA scale. Reverend sister Maria Onyido will pursuing a masters degree in mathematics and ultimately pursue a teaching career in mathematics.**

**The third awardee is Miss. Francisca Funmilayo Adaramola.  
Miss Adaramola , please come up to the rostrum.**

**Miss Adaramola attended Saint Helen Unity Secondary School in Ondo and the Vivian Fowler Memorial College for Girls for her secondary schooling, where she obtained 9 distinctions in her Senior School Certificate including two (2) A1.**



**She then went on to the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta to study Electrical/Electronics Engineering, where she graduated with a First class Bachelors degree.**

**Miss Adaramola will be pursuing a masters degree in Electrical/Electronics Engineering.**

**The fourth awardee is Miss Dorcas Onyinyechi Onuh.  
Miss Onuh, please come up to the rostrum.**

**Miss Onuh attended Omolola Nursery and Primary School in Shagamu , Ogun State and Louisville Girls High School in Ijebu-Ife, Ogun State for his secondary schooling.**

**She had 8 distinctions out of the 9 subjects she sat for in her SSC exams, including 2 A1's.**



**She later studied Physics with Electronics at the Bells University of Technology in Ota, Ogun State , where she graduated with a First class honours degree. Miss Onuh intends to pursue a post-graduate course in Physics with Electronics.**

**The fifth awardee is Mr Nnamdi Chike Ibeanu  
Mr. Ibeanu please come up to the rostrum.**

**Mr. Ibeanu attended the University Primary School in Nsukka and the Hillcrest Preparatory and Primary School , before attending the Loyola Jesuit College in Abuja for his secondary schooling.**



**Mr. Ibeanu got Eight(8) distinctions including five (5) A1's in his WAEC/Senior Secondary School examinations.  
He later studied Electrical Engineering at the University of Nigeria , Nsukka, where he graduated with a First Class Honours degree in Electrical Engineering.**

**He was the best graduating student in the department of electrical engineering.  
Mr. Ibeanu will be pursuing a masters course in electrical engineering**

**Ladies and Gentlemen , the sixth and final awardee of today is Miss Victoria Wumi Oguntosin.  
Miss Oguntoson please come up to the rostrum.**

**Miss Oguntosin attended the Federal Government Girls College, Sagamu.  
She had 9 distinctions out of the 9 subjects she sat for in her SSC exams, including 6 A1's.**



**She later studied Electrical Engineering at the University of Ilorin, where she graduated with a First class honours with a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electrical Engineering.**

**Miss Oguntosin was the best graduating student in her department as well as the entire Faculty of Engineering & Technology at the University of Ilorin. She will pursuing a masters course in electrical engineering.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen: , please congratulate the distinguished awardees of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Postgraduate Scholarship award of the Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation for Science Education**

**Miss. Oyinlola Adams  
Reverend Sister Maria Amarakristi Onyido  
Miss. Francisca Funmilayo Adaramola  
Miss Dorcas Onyinyechi Onuh  
Mr Nnamdi Chike Ibeanu**

**And  
Miss Victoria Wumi Oguntosin**

**On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation for Science Education , I congratulate you all.  
I wish you every success in your academic endeavors**

**Dr. Fola Awokoya  
Member, Board of Trustees**