

**THE AWARD OF POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**  
**At the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Award of Postgraduate Scholarship of the S.O. Awokoya**  
**Foundation for Science Education**  
**March 17<sup>th</sup> 2020- Muson Center**  
**BY- DR. FOLA AWOKOYA**

**Mr. Chairman, Chief Chamberlain Oyibo**  
**Our Special Guest of Honour , His Excellency Prince Dapo Abiodun**  
**Our Guest Speaker Professor Grace Otinwa**  
**Our distinguished Honourees Dr. Layi Fatona**  
**Ambassador Professor Lawrence Ekpebu**  
**and**  
**Mrs Catherine Uju Ifejika**  
**Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees**  
**Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen**

**1.**

**It is my distinct honor and privilege to present the 2020 Awardees of the Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation For Science Education Postgraduate Scholarship.**

**2.**

**When the Awokoya Foundation was started in 1995, some 25years ago, it was formed with the primary objective of promoting science and science education in institutions of higher learning in Nigeria.**

**Another aim and objective of the Foundation is that of promoting science and science education, through equipping schools and higher institutions .**

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**In fulfilling this objective of equipping schools and higher institutions , the Awokoya Foundation over the past one(1) took on two project of renovating school buildings at Molusi College , Ijebu-Igbo and Wesley Primary School in Awa-Ijebu, both in Ogun State.**

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**At Molusi College, a heavy rainstorm with heavy wind ,sometime in 2018 had affected a lot of buildings, fences and trees on their premises. In the case of a particular building named after Oluwole Awokoya, the heavy winds had virtually removed the entire roof and roofing materials.**

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**The Awokoya Foundation assisted with the renovation, with a Three Million Naira assistance for the renovation of the roof at the Oluwole Awokoya building.**

**This slide shows the before and after pictures of the building**

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**At the Wesley Primary School at Ijebu-Awa, Ogun State, the Foundation received a request for assistance for the**

**the refurbishment of a block of classrooms and roofing and ceiling repairs in a second building.**

The state of the classrooms can be seen in these slides showing the conditions of the buildings.

This is showing a side view of a classroom block

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This is showing a class room block with some roofing challenges.

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This is showing the internal view of a classroom.

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The Awokoya Foundation assisted the Wesley Primary School with the renovation of two of there three school building.

The Foundation awarded a Five Million naira contract to a contractor for the refurbishment project.

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This slide shows the before and after views of one of the refurshed classroom block

**SLIDE 8**

This slide shows the side view of the same block with a before and after look.

**SLIDE 9**

Tis slide shows the before and after look of another block requiring roofing repairs.

**SLIDE 10**

This slide shows the before and after view of of the internal view of a class room

Mr Adegbesan, the principal of the school is here with us today. Mr Adegbesan , please standup to be recognized.

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In the area of scholarship award, the Foundation has made a yearly awards of postgraduate scholarship for studies in the area of science and science education for the past 25years.

Our approach to the awarding of postgraduate scholarships is to reward excellence. The scholarship is awarded to the best students nominated from all the universities participating.

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In the area of scholarship award, the Foundation has made a total of One Hundred and Twenty Three (123) postgraduate scholarship awards to date.

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

Architecture

Agriculture and Industrial Technology

**Biochemistry  
Biological Sciences  
Biomedical Engineering  
Chemical Engineering  
Chemistry  
Civil Engineering  
Computer Engineering  
Computer Science  
Constuction Engineering Technology  
Crop/Soil Science  
Electrical & Electronics Engineering  
Human Nutrition  
Information Technology  
Mathematics  
Mechanical Engineering  
Mechatronics  
Microbiology  
Pharmacology  
Physics  
Physiology  
Production Engineering  
Public Health  
Science Education  
and Special Education**

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

**Cardiovascular Medicine  
Chemical Pathology  
Clinical Pharmacy  
Dental Surgery  
Maths Education  
Mechanical Engineering  
Medicine  
Paediatric Medicine  
Pharmaceutics  
Preventive Dentistry  
and  
Science Education**

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**The 123 total number of scholarships awarded to date have gone to beneficiaries from twenty eight(28) different universities.**

**The top five(5) universities benefiting from these 123 awards to date are;  
University of Lagos with thirty (30) awards ,**

The University of Nigeria, Nsukka with Fourteen (14) awards  
University of Ibadan with Twelve (12) awards,  
Nnamdi Azikwe University with eight (8) awards,  
and Covenant University with eight (8) awards each.

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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.

It is an award for the best among the best.

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This year, we had 169 nominations from 52 universities. The distribution of the nominations is shown on this slide, The top three universities with the highest number of nominations were;

The University of Lagos with 10 nominations .  
University of Nigeria, Nsukka with 9 and Bayero University with 8 nominations .  
On the low end of the number of nominations are the last seventeen (17) universities with one(1) nomination each, from Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University to Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto on the bottom right hand side of the slide.

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Out of the 169 nominations, there were

- 111 First Class Graduates or graduates with Distinctions
- 52 Second Class Upper Honours Graduates
- 6 without transcript or recommender, that were automatically disqualified.

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The postgraduate scholarship award covers tuition and Board. The value is now Three Hundred Thousand Naira (N=300,000) 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.**

**For nominees that have admission into foreign universities, we convert the scholarship into a travel grant.**

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**This year we have ten (10) postgraduate scholarship awardees chosen from the nominations received.**

**The first awardee for the Postgraduate Scholarship of the Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation for Science Education for the year 2020 is Mr. Akintunde Fasuba.**

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**Mr. Fasuba, please come up to the rostrum.**

**Mr. Fasuba attended the First Citizen's College in Ikorodu, Lagos for his secondary schooling.**

**He had 9 distinctions out of nine (9) subjects in his Senior School Certificate exams and later went to study Civil Engineering at the Elizade University in Ondo State, where**

**he graduated with a First Class honours degree, with a cumulative Grade point average of 4.95.**

**He was the best graduating student in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering under the Faculty of Engineering at the Elizade University for the 2018/2019 session.**

**Mr Fasuba intends to pursue a masters course in Civil Engineering.**

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**The second awardee is Mr. Temitope Akinsiku.**

**Mr Akinsiku, please come up to the rostrum.**

**Mr. Akinsiku went to Starfield Early Years for his primary schooling and Ifako International Secondary School for his secondary schooling. Both schools are in the Ifako-Ijaiye, Lagos State.**

**He had eight (8) distinctions in the nine(9) subjects he sat for in her SSCE exams including 3 A1. He later went to Covenant University where he studied architecture. He graduated with a first class degree in Architecture with a cumulative grade point average of 4.82.**

**Mr Akinsiku was the best graduating student in 2018/2019 session in the College of Science & Technology at Covenant University.**

**Mr. Akinsiku will be going for a Master of science degree in architecture.**

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**The third awardee is Miss Cynthia Dike**

**Miss. Dike, please come up to the rostrum.**

**Miss. Dike attended Abia State University School , in Aba for her primary schooling and the International Secondary School of the Abia State University for her secondary schooling. She finished her secondary schooling at the Lizzy Secondary School in ABA, where she got 9 distinctions with 2 A1s in the nine(9) subjects she took in her SSCE exams.**

**She later attended the University of Port Harcourt, where she studied crop/soil science and graduated with a first class B.Sc Honours degree and a cumulative grade point average of 4.78**

**She was the best graduating student in 2018/2019 set at the department of crop/soil science, under the faculty of agriculture at the university of port-harcourt.**

**Miss Dike intends to pursue a masters degree in crop science.**

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**The fourth awardee is Mr. Victor Ijeh.**

**Mr Ijeh please come up to the rostrum.**

**Mr Ijeh attended the Shinning Star Nursey and Primary School in Abuja for primary schooling and the Stella Maris College also in Abuja for his secondary schooling.**

**Mr Ijeh got 8 distinctions in the 9 subjects he took in his SSCE exams including 2 A1s.**

**He later went to study electrical /electronics engineering at the Afe Bablola University, where he graduated with a first class honours B.Sc degree with a cumulative grade average of 4.91**

**Mr Ijeh will be pursuing a masters degree in electrical/electronics engineering**

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**The fifth awardee is Mr. Ayomipo Ojo**

**Mr. Ojo, please come up to the rostrum.**

**Mr Ojo attended the Gulf Flower International School in Oworoshoki, Lagos for his primary schooling and the Gulf Flower High School , also at Owoshoki, Lagos for his secondary schooling.**

**He got eight (8) distinctions out of the eight subjects he sat for in his SSC exams , including 3A1s.**

**He later attended the University of Lagos, where he studied Physics and graduated with a cumulative grade point average of 4.76 and a first class honours B.Sc degree**

**Mr. Ojo will be pursuing a postgraduate degree in nanotechnology.**

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**Our sixth awardee is Mr. Mishael Williams**

**Mr Williams, please come up to the rostrum.**

**Mr William attended the University of Ilorin Secondary School for his secondary schooling, and later attended the University of Ilorin to study Electrical and Electronics Engineering.**

**He got eight (8) distinctions out of the nine subjects he sat for in his SSC exams, including 4 A1s.**

**He graduated from the university of Ilorin with a first class honours degree with a cumulative grade point average of 4.87.**

**He was the best graduating student in the Faculty of Science & Technology in the 2018/2019 session at the University of Ilorin**

**Mr. Williams will be pursuing a postgraduate program in Telecommunications .**

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**Our seventh awardee is Miss Opemipo Gbaiye**

**Miss Gbaiye, please come up to the rostrum.**

**Miss Gbaiye finished her secondary schooling at Queens College Yaba, Lagos, where she got Nine(9) distinctions with 4 A1 in her SSC exams.**

**She later attended Babcock University, where she studied Agriculture and Industrial Technology.**

**She graduated with a first class honours bachelor of science degree with a cumulative grade point of average of 4.83.**

**She was the best graduating student in her department of Agriculture and Industrial Technology in 2018/2019 session.**

**Miss Gbaiye will be pursuing a masters degree in Agriculture and Industrial Technology.**

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**Our eight awardee is Mr. Damilola Akinneye**

**Mr Akinneye, please come up to the rostrum.**

**Mr Akinneye attended the Faith Nursery and Primary School in Ogere, Remo in Ogun State, Followed by secondary schooling at the Faith Comprehensive College at Ogere Remo, Ogun State.**

**He got Nine(9) distinctions with 5 A1 in the nine subjects he took at the SSC exams. He later gained admission to study chemical engineering at Covenant University in Ota, Ogun State.**

**He graduated with a first class honours B.sc degree in chemical engineering with cumulative grade point average of 4.74**

**He was the best graduating student in his department.**

**Mr. Akinneye will be pursuing a masters degree in chemical engineering**

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**Our ninth awardee is Mr Onyebuchi Agbo-Anike**

**Mr. Agbo-Anike, please come up to the rostrum.**

**Mr. Agbo-Anike attended Justin Thomas Primary School in Enugu and Krosa Model Primary School in Awka , Anambra State , both for his primary schooling. He then went to AirForce Comprehensive School in Agbani Enugu for his secondary schooling.**

**He got 9 distinctions in the nine subjects he took for his SSC exams including 7 A1.**

**He later attended Nnamdi Azikwe University to study civil engineering. He graduated with a first class honours with a bachelors of science degree in civil engineering , with a cumulative grade point average of 4.79.**

**He was the best graduating student in the department of civil engineering at the Nnamdi Azikwe University in the 2018/2019 session.**

**Mr. Agbo-Anike will be pursuing a masters degree in civil engineering**

**Ladies and Gentlemen , the tenth and final awardee of today is Mr. Oloruntomi Ojo**

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**Mr Ojo, please come up to the rostrum.**

**Mr Ojo attended the Macqueens Nursery and Primary School in Effurm Warri, Delta State for his primary schooling and the Preston International School in Akure, Ondo State for his secondary schooling.**

**He later attended the Afe Babalola University to study Computer Science.**

**He got nine(9) distinctions out of the nine subjects he sat for in his SSC exams , including 5 A1s.**

**He graduated from the Afe Babalola University with a first class honours B.Sc degree in Computer Science with a cumulative grade point average of 4.93.**

**He was the best graduating student in his department of Mathematical & Physical Sciences as well as the overall best student in the College of Sciences at the Afe Babalola University**

**Mr. Ojo will be pursuing a postgraduate program in computer science .**

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**Ladies and Gentlemen: , please congratulate the distinguished awardees of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Postgraduate Scholarship award of the Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation for Science Education**

**Mr. Akintunde Fasuba  
Mr. Temitope Akinsiku  
Miss. Cynthia Dike  
Mr. Victor Ijeh  
Mr. Ayomipo Ojo  
Mr. Mishael Williams  
Miss. Opemipo Gbaiye**

**Mr. Damilola Akinneye**  
**Mr. Onyebuchi Agbo-Anike**

**and**

**Mr. Oloruntomi Ojo**

**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 Ph.D.(Engr.)**  
**Member, Board of Trustees**