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The USAID TESTS Project is Offering Scholarships to Study Education and Become a Degree-Qualified Teacher TESTS - Transforming the Education System for Teachers and Students in Liberia

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The Ministry of Education (MOE) is happy to share an announcement for scholarships from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Transforming the Education System for Teachers and Students in Liberia (TESTS) Activity. TESTS is a groundbreaking initiative supporting the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the National Commission on Higher Education (NCHE) to improve the quality of instruction in early childhood education (ECE) and primary education (PE) in Liberia. TESTS is working to strengthen the capacity of higher education teacher training institutions (HETTIs) and improve the teaching environment. In the upcoming academic year 2023/2024, TESTS is pleased to announce the offering of competitive scholarships to eligible students across eight partner HETTIs in Liberia to pursue Associate and Bachelor of Arts (or BSc) degree programs in ECE and PE.

Higher Education Teacher Training Institutions and Counties Covered:

- LICOSESS College of Education, Montserrado County (www.licosess.org)
- Cuttington University (CU), Suakoko, Bong County
- Grand Bassa University (GBU), Buchanan, Grand Bassa County
- Lofa County University (LCU), Lofa County
- Adventist University of West Africa (AUWA), Margibi County
- African Methodist Episcopal University (AMEU), Montserrado County
- University of Liberia (UL), Montserrado County
- Nimba University (NU), Nimba County

Scholarship Offer Details:

1. Coverage:

- Tuition and mandatory fees for a maximum of 2 years (4 semesters), renewable on a semester basis.
- Maximum 200 USD contribution to graduation fees after successful completion of the degree program in 2 years.
- A minimal allowance is available for qualifying women and persons with disabilities.

2. Eligibility:

- Open to Liberian citizens aged 50 and below.
- **Available to study full-time** in the associate or bachelor's degree program in early childhood or primary education.

- Not available to students already benefiting from other sources of support for tuition and fees.

3. Responsibilities of Scholarship Recipients:

- Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Active participation in TESTS-sponsored events and activities.
- Cover all other education-related and living expenses not covered by the TESTS scholarship.
- Maintain good standing at any of the eight partner HETTIs according to institutional policies, student handbook, code of conduct, or similar sources.

Application Requirements:

• Round 1: Documentation

- Application form, passport-sized photos, letter of admission to the HETTI, WAEC/WASSCE results, high school diploma and transcript. Applicants must pass 5 WAEC subjects to be eligible, including maths and English.
- Additional documents for different categories of applicants.
- All applicants must submit a signed consent form which RTI provides.

• Round 2: Verification and review of applications

- The Scholarship Committee will evaluate applications. The Committee is comprised of institution faculty and TESTS representatives.

• Round 3: Scholarship Timeline

- Applications open now.

For detailed information and to pick up or drop off application packages, visit the College of Education's Office of the Dean or the Office of Student Services at the relevant HETTI between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

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About TESTS: Transforming the Education System for Teachers and Students in Liberia (TESTS) is a five-year Activity that runs from September 24, 2021, to September 23, 2026, and is implemented in USAID's six priority counties—Bong, Grand Bassa, Lofa, Margibi, Montserrado, and Nimba. TESTS is implemented by RTI International (RTI).