

DROLOR SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME SELECTION CRITERIA-University of Professional Studies, Accra (UPSA)

1.0 Introduction

Scholarship awards serve two equally valuable purposes: recognition of merit and achievement, as well as provision of financial support.

The most important goal is to award achievement rather than impact financial support and aid.

The allocation of the scholarship funds should be balanced between awards to incoming students and awards to students already on campus.

1.1 Background

His Royal Majesty, Drolor Bosso Adamtey I, known in private life as Dr. Kingsley A. Fletcher, the SUAPOLOR of the SE (Shai) Traditional Area, and the First Chancellor of the University of Professional Studies, Accra (UPSA). He is an Author, Historian, Television Personality, International Advisor, a visiting Lecturer and Expert Panelist in institutions of Higher Learning around the world, who has so much passion for the socio-economic development of deprived communities. Nene Adamtey¹ thus believes that the vision for his compatriots would not be complete unless there is total education for potential talents and empowerment of the vulnerable to ensure sustainable development; hence, the institution of the Drolor Scholarship Scheme for needy but brilliant students.



Chancellor Nene Adamtey I, is the Executive Chairman of Fletcher Holdings Ltd., Ghana, Fletcher International Services, LLC, USA/Ghana, Royal One Company, Ghana and Asia Hong Kong Holdings in Hong Kong. He is the Board Chairman of FirstBanc Financial Services, Ghana.

2.0 The Criteria

This fund shall be used to assist eligible applicants from the SE (Shai) Traditional Area pursuing programmes at the University of Professional Studies, Accra (UPSA).

The Scholarship selection criteria vary:

- Applicants must necessarily be indigenes of the SE (Shai) Traditional Area or any other Ga-Dangbe traditional area applying or pursuing programmes at the University of Professional Studies, Accra (UPSA).
- Academic performance, standardized test scores, class rank, and a student's personal statement shall be used to determine eligibility.
- For incoming students, the scholarship fund shall be used to serve a recruiting function and shall therefore be evaluated in a competitive context by prospective recipients.
- For students already on campus, the scholarship fund shall be used to recognize concrete achievements during a student's career at UPSA and may also permit students to continue at the University when their financial resources might not otherwise permit them to do so.
- In most instances, the application for admission, including the required personal statement, shall be sufficient for award consideration.

3.0 Academic Merit

For incoming first-year students, academic achievement, normally means that students shall have very good or aggregate grade point of at least "B3" in the WASSCE Examination.

For continuing students, we consider a grade point average of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale, course selection, credit load, and undergraduate research experience. Students should also be actively involved in extracurricular activities.

3.1 Creative Accomplishment

Students must demonstrate originality and innovation in the social sciences or business education or accountancy.

3.2 Financial Need

The committee shall consider how students are financing their education. Students applying for scholarships based on financial need should clearly state in their application how they would in turn give back to their community after going through their programme.

3.3 Leadership

Students or applicants who demonstrate experience of leading groups and providing direction to others including teaching, training, organizing, managing and carrying more responsibility on the part of a group or organization within the SE or any other Ga-Damgbe Traditional Area. The applicant should be held in high regard by one's peers for being a role model through actions and deeds; and making improvements and achieving successes with or on behalf of others.

3.4 Unusual Force of Character

Students who may be suffering obstacles related to health, family, social, educational or economic disadvantages are encouraged to apply. Any circumstance that shows strength of character and potential for achievement should be stated in your application.

3.5 Uniformity of Background

The committee shall consider the connections between the following sources of identity such as: religion, age, sexual orientation, ability, and ethnicity (particularly applicants from the SE Traditional Area).

3.5 Community Service

The committee shall consider not simply your community service but, more importantly, the impact your service has had on a particular individual or group. The committee shall consider volunteerism, service learning, field-work or internships that show civic responsibility and engagement.

