



**UNIVERSITY
OF GHANA**

UNIVERSITY OF GHANA SPORT FUND (UG-SF) SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

A. INTRODUCTION

The University of Ghana Sports Fund (UG-SF) is an initiative to motivate, support and facilitate admitted athlete (The generic term referring to all sportsmen and women irrespective of discipline) student athletes and to attract potential talents to enhance their admission to the University of Ghana.

The scholarship is awarded on an annual basis and is available to undergraduate students ONLY, both fresh and continuing students.

B. AIM AND OBJECTIVE

The Sports Scholarships programme reflects the commitment on the part of University of Ghana to excellence in Sport. The aim of the programme is to give talented sportsmen and women an opportunity to develop their sporting career by offering the highest standards in coaching and training whilst achieving sports and academic excellence.

C. TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIP

1. **Full Scholarship** - This is 100 percentage payments for academic and residential user fees depending on the need and background of student.
2. **Partial Scholarship (1)** - This is a 50 percentage payment of academic fees for Regular, City Campus, Distance and Diploma students.

D. DISBURSEMENT OF THE FUND

- Academic Facility User Fees
 - Residential Facility User Fees
 - Book bursary
1. This will be jointly coordinated by the Sports Directorate through the Sports Fund Management.
 2. This part will be based on the **recommendation from the Technical Team of the Sports Directorate and endorsed** by the Director of Sports to managers of the Fund and upon agreement the Director of Finance will disburse the funds as directed.

E. OPERATIONS

1. FULL SCHOLARSHIP

- a. **First year applicant must be a potential athlete who has performed and exceeded our threshold set in the Zonal, Super Zonal and Regional competitions for Senior High School graduates.**

- b. Must be competing at club level (Division 1), in national and international competitions with an outstanding performance.
- c. Continuing students should be a selected player to play for the school, play at club level (Division 1), in national, international competitions or has exhibited an outstanding performance during GUSA competitions. A first-time applicant (**level 300**) who has no major competitions such GUSA, MINI GUSA, BILATERAL, WAUG, or FASU) ahead, does not qualify.

2. **PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP (50%)**

- a. First year applicant should have competed in the **INTER-SCHOOL (Zonal), SUPER-ZONAL and REGIONAL** (if it is a festival year) competitions with an outstanding performance and have met our threshold.

F. ELIGIBILITY

- 1. Be an admitted student athlete of University of Ghana with enormous talent
- 2. Demonstrate financial need.

G. GENERAL CRITERIA

- 1. Agreement to represent the University in all sporting events.
- 2. To act as an ambassador of University of Ghana to the community.
- 3. All candidates are to fill out a formal application form providing the relevant response to questions.
- 4. The selection panel shall base their decision upon the candidate's written application and interview.
- 5. Show evidence of excellent performance in previous and current sporting achievements and exhibit commitment to continue improving in their sport and representing the University.

The following documents are required:

- i. Certificates awarded to you in previous sports competitions
 - ii. Academic records
 - iii. Any other supporting documents that you believe will assist in the processing of your application.
6. Underperforming students on the scholarship will have their position reviewed based on the following:
- i. If academic record is below a Grade Point Average of 1.5 as set by the university.
 - ii. If sporting performance on the field is below the standard set by the Technical Section of the University of Ghana Sports Directorate
 - iii. If the attitude of the student is inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the University of Ghana and/or unsportsmanlike.

Students who are identified as underperforming by the University of Ghana Sport Fund Management Committee will then, together with the Director of Sports interview the student.

Underperforming students will be given the opportunity to improve after the interview. If there is insufficient improvement after a further semester, the Sport Fund Management Committee in consultation with the Director of Sports will take the student off the scholarship. The decision about who continues to be on the scholarship rests in the ambit of the University of Ghana Sport Fund Management Committee.

H. CONDITIONS OF TERM OF A SCHOLARSHIP

1. All successful candidates shall sign a sports scholarship contract.
2. Sports scholarships are valid for one year only and must be reapplied for on an annual basis.
3. All successful candidates shall maintain satisfactory academic and sporting progress throughout the duration of the scholarship.
4. Successful candidates must pass their academic year to be eligible to apply/reapply for the following year.
5. Beneficiaries who successfully pass their academic year but change course choice are eligible to reapply for the following year.
6. All beneficiaries must undergo fitness tests by the University Health Services and a team of Physiologists from the School of Allied Health Sciences of the University during the tenure of the scholarship. Failure to complete/pass either test will result in the forfeiture/reclaim of some/all the award.
7. All new beneficiaries must undertake a Cardiac Screening Examination in the first semester. Failure to complete/pass either test will result in the forfeiture/reclaim of some/all the term.
8. All beneficiaries must always display an appropriate standard of conduct and sportsmanship **as enshrined in the University of Ghana Student Handbook and by the GUSA code of conduct for the athletes.**
9. Beneficiaries shall never engage in any activity which may potentially bring the University into disrepute. All punitive actions will be guided by the Student's Handbook.
10. **A beneficiary who sustains injury/ injuries while performing for the University should be considered for further support. A medical report must however be provided by the University of Ghana Health Services to advice and recommend.**