
**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2021/2022 EDUCATION SUPPORT GRANT
OF THE UMUABALI CITIZENS EMPOWERMENT FORUM ("THE FORUM")**

A. Introduction

This report follows the 2021 re-authorisation of the Committee which was appointed by order of the Forum at its meeting of 27 December 2019. The Committee's terms of reference were to solicit, receive and consider applications from eligible candidates and make recommendations for the disbursement of NGN1,500,000 in equal shares to 15 beneficiaries in tertiary institutions. As with the previous grant year, the committee comprised the following members:

1. Prof Babs Esonu - Chair
2. Mr Ralph Nwafor - Member
3. Mr Nzeakor Atulomah- Member & Secretary

B. Administration of Application Forms

The Committee distributed 23 Forum-approved application forms to eligible applicants of Umuabali extraction. By close of the entry deadline, a total of 21 duly completed forms were returned to the Committee. The 21 applicants are listed in the First Schedule to this report.

C. Committee Proceedings: Processing and Consideration of Applications

The Committee met at the residence of the chairman, and critically reviewed the 21 applications vis-a-vis its terms of reference and the approved eligibility criteria, namely, each applicant/candidate must

1. be of Umuabali extraction
2. be either a returnee or freshman in any public university or polytechnic in Nigeria

3. disclose a financial need

- D. the need for equitable representation of the component quarters of the village
- Weighting of the Eligibility Criteria

z. Umuabali extraction

The Committee was satisfied that the 21 applicants were all Umuabali persons. The relevant family names are aboriginal Umuabali families.

u. Admission Status

The Committee was satisfied by means of documentary evidence that all the 21 applicants were either returnees or freshmen in their respective public universities, polytechnic or monotechnic institutions in Nigeria.

m. Indigency Status

Taking the existing hints of the Forum, the Committee judged that each applicant disclosed a present financial need.

iv. Equitable Coverage

In addition to the strong consideration for final-year applicants, the Committee has reappraised the eligibility criteria, in order to accommodate the need to ensure equity by covering all the kindred family branches in Umuabali, as much as possible. This reappraisal has been made possible by the generous increase of the grant funds up to NGN1,500,000 - a 50% increase year on year.

E. Committee Deliberations and Interpretation of the Eligibility Criteria

The Committee considered all the applications and made the following determinations:

1. There are six final-year applicants and all six should be recommended for

the grant. The justification for the priority of final-year applicants has been articulated in the reports of the previous grant years. Essentially, the Committee reasoned that final-year applicants disclosed a stronger case for consideration since this would be their last opportunity to participate in the scheme. In addition, final-year students typically face an especial challenge whether as to completing their tuition fees and being allowed to take their degree examinations or processing their research work, at the pain of an additional year. Students in lower or penultimate levels will have further chances to apply for this grant in the coming years.

2. The remaining nine slots will be allocated based on the need to cover the kindred quarters.

F. Recommendations

Following the deliberations, the Committee hereby recommends to the Forum for approval and disbursement the following applicants:

S/N	Name	Level/Course of Study	Institution	Umuabali Quarters
1.	Emmanuel NWOKE	4001 Business Administration	MOUA, Umudike	Umuezeodu
2.	Chinyere Helen JOSIAH (IKPOH)	HND2 Accountancy	FedPoly, Nekede	Umunwoke
3.	Amarachi JOSIAH (IKPOH)	HND2, Computer Science	FedPoly, Nekede	Umunwoke
4.	Chidike Ezeugo (ATULOMAH)	5001 Elect/Elect Engineering	MOUA, Umudike	Umuekpe
5.	Chiamaka Lilian NWAFOR	ND2 Coop & Economic Mgt	FedPoly, Nekede	Umunwoke
6.	Chiamaka Florence AARON	HND2 Mass Comm	AbiaPoly, Aba	Umunwoke

7.	Gabriel NWOKU	ND2 Electrical Eng.	AbiaPoly, Aba	Umuede
7.	Emmanuel ONWERE	3001 Env. Mgt	FUTO	Umuokorafor
8.	Ogechi Obinna OGU	HNDI Publi c Administration	AbiaPoly, Aba	Umuede
9.	Chinazaekpere IMEBUOGU	2001 Elect/Elec t Engineering	MOUA, Umudike	Umuede
10.	Chibuisi RICHARD (UHEGWU)	1001 Agri c Science	UNICAL	Umuekpe

11.	Sharon ONWERE	300L Publi c Administration	Anarnbra State University	Umuokoroafo r
12.	Obiayo ATULOMAH	300L History and International Relations	ABSU	Umuekpe
13.	Chidinma ATULOMA	100L Genera l Nursing	School o f Nursing (FMC Umuahia)	Umuekpe
14.	Ibuchim Victor EZEALA	100L Civil Engineering	MOUA, Umudike	Umunwoke
15.	Nancy EZEAMANAMBU (AKWATAGHIBE)	HNDI Accountancy	AbiaPoly , Aba	Umuede

G. Conclusion

The Committee would like to note that a letter of appeal was received from an individual who had said he needed a grant to help with his clearance. This applicant had benefitted in 2021 as a final-year grantee. The Committee considered the application as lacking in merit since the applicant was completely ineligible for a grant, and the application itself was beyond the remit of the Committee.

The Committee would like to thank the Forum for the confidence reposed in us to undertake this critical assignment, and hereby commends the


Nzeakor Atulomah, Esq.,
Secretary


Ugwu Ralph Nwafor
Member


Prof Babs Esonu

Chairman

Schedule

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3.	Amarachi JOSIAH (IKPOH)	HND2, Computer Science	FedPoly, Nekede	Umunwoke
4.	Chidike Ezeugo (ATULOMAH)	500L Elect/Elect Engineering	MOUA, Umudike	Umuekpe
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6.	Chiamaka Florence AARON	HND2 Mass Comm	AbiaPoly, Aba	Umunwoke
7.	Emmanuel ONWERE	300L Env. Mgt	FUTO	Umuokorafor
8.	John ONUDIBIA	100L Accountancy	FedPoly, Nekede	Umuede
9.	Ogechi Obinna OGU	HNDI Public Administration	AbiaPoly, Aba	Umuede
10.	Chinazaekpere IMEBUOGU	200L Elect/Elect Engineering	MOUA, Umudike	Umuede

11.	Chibuisi RICHARD (UHEGWU)	100L Agri c Science	UNICAL	Umuekpe
12.	Sharon ONWERE	300L Publi c Administratio n	Anambra Stat e University	Umuokoroafor
13.	Obiayo ATULOMAH	300L Histor y and International Relations	ABSU	Umuekpe
14.	Chidinrna ATULOMAH	100L Genera l Nursing	School of Nursing (FMC Umuahia)	Umuekpe
15.	Ibuchim Victor EZEALA	100L Civi l Engineering	MOUA, Umudike	Umunwoke
16.	Francis ONWERE	200L Building Technology	ABSU	Umuokorafor
17.	Oluomachi AARON	200L Medicine	ABSU	Umunwoke
18.	Adaku NNABUIHE	100L Public Administratio n	FedPoly, Nekede	Umuokorafor
19.	Nancy EZEAMANAMBU (AKWATAGHIBE)	HNDI Accountancy	AbiaPoly, Aba	Umuede
20.	Samuel EZEAMANAMBU (AKWATAGHIBE)	100L Public Health	ABSU	Umuede
21.	Onyedikachi EZEALA	ND2 Computer Eng.	AbiaPoly, Aba	Umunwoke

22.	Solomon NWOKU	100L Nursing	School of Nursing, Amachara	Umuede
23.	Oluomachi Sarah AARON	200L Medicine	ABSU	Umunwoke