

### **A. Introduction**

This report follows the 2022 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 NGN2,000,000 in equal shares to 20 beneficiaries in public tertiary institutions. As with the previous grant year, the committee comprised the following members:

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

### **B, Administration of Application Forms**

The Committee distributed Forum-approved application forms to eligible applicants of Umuabali extraction. By close of the entry deadline, a total of 25 duly completed forms were returned to the Committee. The 25 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 25 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
4. the need for equitable representation of the component quarters of the village

### **D, Weighting of the Eligibility Criteria**

*i. Umuabali extraction*

The Committee was satisfied that the 25 applicants were all Umuabali persons. The relevant family names are aboriginal Umuabali families.

*ii. Admission Status*

The Committee was satisfied by means of documentary evidence that 23 of the 25 applicants were either returnees or freshmen in their respective public universities, polytechnic or monotechnic institutions in Nigeria. Two applicants were students of Clifford University, a private university owned by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Nigeria; and Heritage Polytechnic, Eket, Akwa Ibom State.

*iii. Indigency Status*

Taking the existing hints of the Forum, the Committee judged that each applicant disclosed a present financial need, except two applicants who were students of privately funded institutions (cf. *admission status, supra*), which was beyond the purview of this programme.

*iv. Equitable Coverage*

The Committee adopted its revised eligibility criteria which reserved the first place for final-year applicants and then subsequently extend to all the kindred family branches in Umuabali, in order to assure equitable coverage. This has been made possible by the generous increase of the grant funds up to NGN2,000,000 – a *third* 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 three final-year applicants and all three 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 17 slots will be allocated based on the need to cover the kindred quarters, and the need to encourage certain specialisations in Umuabali.

#### 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.	Obiayo <b>ATULOMAH</b>	400L History and International Relations	ABSU	Umuekpe
2.	Chizorom <b>AHAIWE</b>	HND2 Public Admin	FedPoly, Nekede	Umuede
3.	Ogechi Ann <b>OGUH</b>	HND2 Public Admin	AbiaPoly	Umuede
4.	Chiamaka <b>ELUWA</b>	200L ParasitologyJEntomology	Unizik, Awka	Umuekpe
5.	Chidinma <b>ATULOMAH</b>	300L Microbiology	MOUA, Umudike	Umuekpe
6.	Tochi <b>AKOMAH</b>	100L, Entrepreneurial Studies	MOAU, Umudike	Umuekpe
7.	Chisom <b>NWOKE</b>	100L Midwifery	School of Midwifery, Abiriba	Umuezeodu
8.	Christiana <b>IMEBUOGU</b>	200L Linguistics	AE-FUNAI	Umuede
9.	Solomon <b>NWOKU</b>	100L Midwifery	ABSUTH, Aba	Umuede

10.	Chiamaka UGWUNNA	200L Community Health	Abia State Coll of Health	Umuede
11.	John <b>ONUDIBIA</b>	ND2 Accountancy	FedPoly, Nekede	Umuede
12.	Precious <b>IMEBUOGU</b>	300L Hosp. Mgt & Tourism	Akanu Ibiam FedPoly	Umuede
13.	Uchechi AARON	100L Optometry	ABSU	Umunwokeabali
14.	Chimaobi <b>IBEABUCHI</b>	400L Elect/Elect	MOAU, Umudike	Umunwokeabali
15.	Gift <b>EZEALA</b>	100L PubAdm/PolSci	ABSU	Umunwokeabali
16.	Francis ONWERE	300L Building Tech	ABSU	Umuokoroafor
17.	Sharon <b>CHIKEZIE</b>	100L Genetics and Biotech	UNICAL	Umuokoroafor
18.	Promise <b>IHEDIWA</b>	ND1 Bus Adm/Mgt	Akanu Ibiam FedPoly	Umuokoroafor
19.	Oluomachi AARON	300L Medicine/Surgery	ABSU	Umunwokeabali
20.	Chiamaka NWAFOR	HND1 Coop Econs & Mgt	FedPoly, Nekede	Umunwokeabali

\*Note: Serial number 3 (Ogechi Ann Oguh) was dropped because she enjoyed the grant last year 2021/2022 with the same information she supplied in her form in 2022/2023. She graduated in 2021/2022.

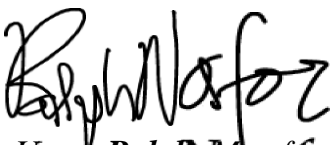
#### G. Conclusion

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

Dated the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord the 2022<sup>nd</sup> and of the UCEF-EGP the 4<sup>th</sup>



Nzeakor Atulomah, Esq.,  
Secretary



Ugonu Ralph Nwaifo  
Member



Prof Babs O. Esonu  
Chairman

## Schedule

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23.	Chinenyenwa <b>Nwafor</b>	HND2 Accountancy	Heritage Poly, Eket	Umunwokeabali
24.	Chinazaekpere <b>Imebuogu</b>	400L Food Sci/Tech	ABSU	Umuede
25.	Amarachi <b>Josiah</b>	HND2 Comp. Sc.	FedPoly, Nekede	Umunwokeabali