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Criteria for the granting of scholarships

The following has to be reminded first:

The Œuvre St-Justin (OSJ) intends to contribute to the formation of students and executives of developing countries for developing countries, according to the annexed charter. This formation can be done in Switzerland, in the country of origin or in another country.

Criteria :

1. The OSJ grants scholarships based on the availability of funds. It intends to contribute to the formation of executives and elites of underprivileged areas.
2. The scholarships are granted to applicants from developing countries who, on completion of their studies, undertake to work for the development of their own countries and who will make use of their knowledge and expertise at the service of their own people.
 - 2.1 If the formation takes place in an industrialised, developed country, the beneficiaries are obliged to return to their own country, or, if that is not possible, to work in another developing country. Otherwise they are bound to refund the scholarship as per scholarship contract.
3. The Beneficiaries.

The beneficiaries are the successful applicants from those developing countries figuring on the list published by the annual conference of Catholic Institutions whose purpose is to promote the formation of students from those countries deemed to be in need of assistance from the rich countries

 - 3.1. Priority is given to applicants from Africa, Latin America, Asia and Oceania.
 - 3.2. The candidates from Eastern Europe are chosen on the basis of special funds being available.
 - 3.3. A limited percentage is allotted to each country and diocese. The number of beneficiaries per country shall not exceed 5% of the scholarships granted by the Organisation, plus 1 % of every 50 million Inhabitants.
 - 3.4. Those originating from a developing country but holding a pass port from a developed country or those who have the privilege of automatic renewal of their residence permit in a developed country are grouped together with the nationals of the developed country concerned.
 - 3.5. A particular priority will be brought to the candidates who want to get practical or technical studies. May it be for the studies in the country or for the studies in Switzerland. Our purpose is to warrant the formation of undertakers, executives and creators of work.
4. Personal/Individual Criteria
 - Maximum age : 35 years,
 - Until 45 years, taking into consideration the socio-professional situation of the country of origin the formation of the candidate and the duration of the formation envisaged.
 - The scholarship is granted for a formation or a specialisation in a particular field fixed in advance, taking into consideration the social Insertion of the candidate into the society of his origin. The applicant has to submit a project, which corresponds to the needs and possibilities of his own country. His professional and social involvement is to start immediately after the completion of his studies.
 - 4.1. For the financing of studies "in the country or in the geographical sphere", priority will be given to the formation projects which are considered as highly necessary by the country of the candidate and which does not require heavy infrastructures.



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- 4.2 For the financing of the formation in Switzerland or in another industrial country:
- the aid is granted only if an equivalent formation cannot be obtained in the country of their origin or a neighbouring country.
 - the candidate already has to hold already a degree of secondary education in a general formation (high school degree, bachelor) or of a recognized university degree (bachelor, master, license);
 - the candidate has to, with his qualifications, be able to carry out the formation that he wants to make in Switzerland (conditions of admission for studies in the Swiss universities: <http://www.crus.ch/information-programmes/reconnaissance-swiss-wnic/admission/admission-en-suisse/certificats-etrangers.html?L=1> (only German or French)).
He will join the copy of his diplomas (with the obtained notes) and a curriculum vitae. The candidate also has to send the document demonstrating his eligibility in the chosen establishment for his project of studies. Without the document of eligibility, the OSJ cannot consider the application.
 - the candidate for master in advanced studies has to get in touch with a professor or with the direction of a master in advanced studies in Switzerland to make sure that his study project or his research project can be realized in Switzerland. He has to join the copies of his diplomas (with the obtained notes), a detailed and precise plan of the studies or the research project which he intends to make and a curriculum vitae. The can refuse the file if the candidate did not establish this preliminary contact.
 - the candidate has to dispose of a sufficient knowledge of the French, German or Italian language, to take all the benefits of his studies in Switzerland. According to the chosen formation he has to dispose of a sufficient knowledge of English.
 - when the scholarship is granted, the grant holder makes a written commitment to get back to his country and to work there as soon as the formation, which became the scholarship, has finished.
 - the motivation and the social engagement of the candidate along with the excellence of the result obtained during his previous formation or engagements are taken into consideration.
- 4.3. Incomplete or badly prepared applications will not be considered.
5. The OSJ Is an undertaking of the Swiss Catholic Church with the aim to support Churches in need and to help them in the realisation of their pastoral needs by contributing to the formation of their personnel.
6. The amount of the aid given depends on the cost of the training program and on the share of contribution, which can be made by the beneficiary, whereby it is understood that he/she does all in his power to contribute to the financing of his studies.
- 6.1. Sporadic aid in the form of a loan or other financial assistance, without granting a sponsorship, can be given by the Director of the Organisation to those who are in dire need.

The Commission for Scholarships allows the scholarships on the basis of the applications for the period of one year, which may be extended if funds are available, if the progress in the formation of the candidates and his involvement in protects sponsored by the Organisation warrant it. The Commission acts in total independence. Shet gives her decisions, without justification, to the director of the OSJ, who informs the applicant. The Commission itself does not enter into any direct correspondence.

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