

GORETTI OLD GIRLS INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Preamble

Goretti Old Girls International (GOGI) GOGI is committed to mentoring and empowering students the junior secondary schools (JSS) and senior secondary school (SSS) of the St. Maria Goretti Girls Grammar School System, Benin City, Nigeria to achieve excellence in their academic pursuits, which will translate into productive citizenship. We, as a body of former students, are implementing a comprehensive scholarship program, which is consistent with the association's objective to promote the economic, educational, cultural, scientific and social progress of our *alma mater* and its students. The GOGI scholarship committee will award one-year scholarships (\$200-\$300) to six to eight students each from JSS2 and SS2.

Criteria

1. The JSS principals shall appoint one teacher from their respective schools, and the SSS principal two teachers to coordinate the application process during the second term of the academic year. The application process will be open for a specified period of one month.
2. All enrolled students are eligible to fill out and sign an application designed by GOGI mentoring committee that specifies the terms and conditions for the mentoring and scholarship program. This form can be obtained from the teachers and will also be available on the association's website (<http://www.gogint.org>). This form must be submitted with other required documents (detailed in 3-7 below) to the teachers. No late submissions will be accepted.
3. Each applicant will be required to write an essay on a topic selected by the scholarship committee, stating why she should be considered for scholarship. The typed, single-spaced essay should be limited to **one page**. Failure to follow instructions will result in disqualification by the GOGI Scholarship Committee.
4. Each applicant will be required to submit a one-page curriculum vita to include personal information, leadership activities, and extracurricular activities.
5. One passport-sized photograph should be submitted with each application.
6. Copies of report cards for the last term of the previous academic year and the first term of the current academic year should be submitted.

7. Two **typed** letters of recommendation from current and past teachers and others familiar or involved with the student's non-academic activities must accompany the application.

8. Each teacher will collate all applications, select unranked top applicants (**24 total**) based on: a) academic standing; b) leadership qualities; and c) service-related activities, and submit all application materials and summary of selection criteria to the principal who will forward all application documents to the chair of the GOGI scholarship committee by courier service.

9. GOGI scholarship committee will select the recipients, who will receive \$200-\$300 each.

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