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**GUIDELINES AND  
CRITERIA FOR  
SAMIA SCHOLARSHIP  
TO BACHELOR DEGREE  
STUDENTS FOR  
ACADEMIC YEAR  
2026/2027**

HESLB Tanzania



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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

<b>ACSEE</b>	Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination
<b>CBA</b>	Chemistry, Biology, and Agriculture
<b>CBG</b>	Chemistry, Biology, and Geography
<b>CBN</b>	Chemistry, Biology, and Nutrition
<b>CSEE</b>	Certificate of Secondary Education Examination
<b>DiDiS</b>	Digital Disbursement Solution
<b>HESLB</b>	Higher Education Students' Loans Board
<b>MoEST</b>	Ministry of Education Science and Technology
<b>NaPA</b>	National Physical Address
<b>NIN</b>	National Identification Number
<b>OLAMS</b>	Online Loan Application and Management System
<b>PCB</b>	Physics, Chemistry, and Biology
<b>PCM</b>	Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics
<b>PGM</b>	Physics, Geography, and Mathematics
<b>PMC</b>	Physics, Mathematics, and Computer
<b>RITA</b>	Registration, Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency
<b>SIPA</b>	Student's Individual Permanent Account
<b>TCU</b>	Tanzania Commission for Universities
<b>ZCSRA</b>	Zanzibar Civil Status Registration Agency



## 1.0 IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL STUDENTS APPLYING FOR SAMIA SCHOLARSHIP

All scholarship applicants for the academic year **2026/2027** are required to observe the following: -

- (i) Read and follow the application procedures stated in these Guidelines,
- (ii) Applicants must have current national physical address (NaPA) issued by Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology,
- (iii) Applicants aged 18 years and above must provide National Identification Numbers (NIN) during application,
- (iv) Ensure that all birth certificates are certified by the RITA or ZCSRA to ascertain their validity,
- (v) Applicants born abroad should obtain a letter from RITA or ZCSRA to validate birth information,
- (vi) Provide a bank account which is active and carries the same name as that on the academic certificates (CSEE certificate),
- (vii) Applicant should provide his/her registered and reachable mobile phone number. The provided mobile phone number will be used to inform the applicant on the application progress and payment process,
- (viii) Applicant must review the entire application and make corrections (where necessary) before submission,
- (ix) Ensure that the application form is duly filled and signed,
- (x) All applicants must strictly observe the application deadline,
- (xi) For any identified forgery, the applicant will be disqualified from the whole application process, and subject him/her to other necessary legal actions, and
- (xii) Applicants are advised to make followup of their application process results through their SIPA accounts.



## 2.0 APPLICATION WINDOW

The application window for **2026/2027** opens after release of ACSEE 2026 results whereby names of selected candidates for the scholarship shall be submitted to HESLB.

These Guidelines are available on **[www.heslb.go.tz](http://www.heslb.go.tz)**.

## 3.0 CRITERIA FOR SAMIA SCHOLARSHIP

To benefit the scholarship, an applicant must meet the set eligibility criteria detailed hereunder:

- (i) Be a Tanzanian,
- (ii) Have a high performance in the ACSEE administered by the NECTA in science combination subjects (PCM, PCB, PGM, CBG, PMC, CBA and CBN) for the relevant academic year,
- (iii) Appear on the list of students published by HESLB for Samia Scholarship application,
- (iv) Be admitted into an accredited tertiary education institution to pursue programmes in either Natural Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics or Health Sciences in the 2026/2027 academic year,
- (v) Have a complete and correct application made through OLAMS,
- (vi) Not be a beneficiary of other form of sponsorship, except where such sponsorship covers the remaining costs not financed by HESLB.

## 4.0 SCHOLARSHIP ITEMS UNDER SAMIA SCHOLARSHIP

Samia Scholarship beneficiaries will be awarded scholarship amounts according to the needs of the faculties in their respective tertiary education institutions. Applicable amount for the scholarship will be as follows: -

### 4.1 TUITION FEE (TF)

The student will be awarded a tuition fee at the amount not exceeding **TZS 5,000,000** per year.



## 4.2 MEALS & ACCOMMODATION (MA)

The student will be awarded meals and accommodation at the rate of **TZS 10,000** per day. The funds will be paid in four instalments per annum.

## 4.3 BOOKS AND STATIONERY (BS)

A maximum amount of **TZS 200,000** per annum will be granted to cover the cost of books and stationaries.

## 4.4 SPECIAL FACULTY REQUIREMENT (SFR)

Special Faculty Requirements (SFR) will be awarded for programmes that require special faculty requirement based on established ceiling amounts determined by HESLB.

## 4.5 FIELD PRACTICAL TRAINING (FPT)

The student will be awarded an amount of **TZS 10,000** per day as living expenses for a period not exceeding 56 days during practical training.

## 4.6 RESEARCH EXPENSES (RES)

The student will be awarded research funds at a rate not exceeding **TZS 500,000** per annum.

## 4.7 HEALTH INSURANCE (HI)

The student will be awarded **TZS 50,400** every year to cover health insurance throughout the study period.

## 4.8 ASSISTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

A student with special needs will be awarded an amount not exceeding **TZS 2,000,000** for the purchase of assistive equipment. The amount will be disbursed once throughout the study period and will be paid direct to the student.

## 5.0 SPONSORSHIP DURATION

Students who have secured the scholarship will be sponsored for three (3) to five (5) years depending on the respective programmes.



## **6.0 PAYMENT MODE**

All payments will be made through the HESLB Digital Disbursement Solution (DiDiS); Tuition fee payments will be made directly to the respective tertiary education institution's bank account, while other items will be made directly to the respective student's bank account.

## **7.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The beneficiary has the responsibility to comply with the scholarship conditions as follows:

- (i) A beneficiary is responsible for reading and understanding this guideline and signing the Scholarship Agreement with HESLB,
- (ii) A beneficiary who has changed the programme or institution of study shall notify the institution's loan desk officer; HESLB shall execute the transfer upon receiving written confirmation from the respective academic institution.
- (iii) In the event of postponement; a beneficiary will be allowed to continue with the scholarship if the reason for postponement was on medical grounds as approved by the respective institution of study in writing.
- (iv) If a beneficiary will halt the scholarship opportunity before the commencement of studies, will have to notify the HESLB Executive Director.

## **8.0 SCHOLARSHIP CANCELLATION**

The scholarship may be nullified due to any of the following reasons: -

- (i) If the student at any stage of studies decides to postpone studies for reasons not related to medical grounds.
- (ii) If a beneficiary is terminated from studies due to disciplinary or academic reasons.
- (iii) If a beneficiary scores a GPA of less than 3.8 during the year of study, and

Note: The Samia Scholarship dropouts will be allowed to apply for a loan managed by the HESLB for the remaining period.

## **9.0 SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS**

Successful scholarship applicants will be notified of their allocations through the Students' Individual Permanent Account (SIPA).



## 10.0 MANAGEMENT OF ENQUIRIES

Applicant(s) with enquiries are advised to contact us through **HESLB Call Centre (0736 66 55 33), WhatsApp (0739 66 55 33)** during working hours; Verified Social Media Platforms namely: **X, Instagram and Facebook (HESLB Tanzania)** and **e-Mrejesho** through **[www.heslb.go.tz](http://www.heslb.go.tz)**.

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