



DEPRIVED BRIGHT STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION INC.

## NEWS LETTER

The 12<sup>th</sup>. Annual award presentation ceremony was held at Ikot Ekpeyak on 11<sup>th</sup>. August 2010. That was the first time since 1998 that the ceremony returned to its original site and not hosted by the Ministry of Education (MOE). Twenty students from various tertiary institutions in Nigeria received scholarships ranging in value from thirty thousand naira to fifty thousand naira. There were nine first time recipients and eleven renewals. One student, - Otobong O. Johnny, a medical student from UNICAL, have received the award for five years. Over ninety percent of our recipients are supported through graduation. Awards are renewed when recipients maintain an expected grade point average.

I have to mention here the non participation of MOE in the last award ceremony. The ministry representative called, two days before the award, to cancel their venue after it had been announced by the news media. We had to call all recipients to inform them about the change. The MOE have been responsible for the distribution and collection of our application forms for the past twelve years. Without their support, it would not be possible to reach the entire Akwa Ibom State. We are very grateful for their support and hope they will continue to work with their number one international partner. We sympathize with the ministry for the sudden loss of the Executive Secretary to the scholarship board Mrs. Nora William who worked tirelessly to advance our cause. May her soul rest in perfect peace.

I will like to thank all our sponsors who made the award possible. The extra smiles on the recipient's faces were the fact that they received more than what their awards called for. We are grateful to a member of our board of directors, Dr. Ime Umana "friend of the poor" for making that possible. We also thank Chairman Essien Nkanga for paying the recipients' travel fare to and from the event for the seventh year. Our take home present was DBSSFI engraved pens.

This year, we are very happy to welcome Miss Lizreen Henry-she sponsored one student from the University of Uyo, Mrs. Marian Wards, Ms. Karen Udo, Mrs. Eno Mbatt and Dr. Enefiok Umana.

We are ever so thankful to Akwa Ibom State News Paper Corp. and its general manager Mr. Udo Silas for continuing to spread the news to the state and to AKBC for reaching out to our students.

The alumni students of DBSSFI requested that henceforth, all recipients of the award should be made to join their club whose interest is to further the objectives of the association. Our international award is open and accepting qualified candidates. We hope you will spread the news to Akwa Ibom students in the United States. We need your support to continue to educate the bright students of Nigeria who would have dropped out of school without our intervention. Please send to us your tax deductible contribution now that you still have us in mind.

*Stand up for Akwa Ibom. Be a part of an organization you can be proud to identify with. Invest in the young bright students of Akwa Ibom State and provide the land of Promise with qualified, dedicated and indigenous professionals.*

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