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KASU STUDENTS JUBILATE AS KADUNA GOVT DISBURSES ₦30 MILLION SCHOLARSHIP TO 315 BENEFICIARIES



His Excellency, Senator Uba Sani
Executive Governor Kaduna State

Students of Kaduna State University (KASU) were filled with excitement and hope as the Kaduna State Government approved and commenced the disbursement of ₦30 million scholarship funds to 315 students of the institution.

The development was announced during a courtesy visit by the Kaduna State Scholarship and Loans Board (KSSLB) to the University, led by the Board's Executive Secretary, Prof. Yahya Saleh Ibrahim, in continuation of efforts to strengthen collaboration and improve access to educational funding.

Prof. Saleh disclosed that the disbursement marks the official flag-off of payments for the first batch of beneficiaries, while registration and screening of the second batch is already underway. He explained that the exercise would continue over the next few days.



Executive Secretary Kaduna State Scholarship and Loans Board (KSSLB) with one of the Beneficiaries

He commended the commitment of Governor Uba Sani for clearing long-standing scholarship backlogs running into several millions of naira, describing the gesture as one that has restored confidence in the scholarship system and significantly eased the burden on students, both locally and abroad.

“Kaduna State University is taking the lead in the payroll because of the strategic importance of the institution,” Prof. Saleh stated, adding that Kaduna Polytechnic will for the first time after several years also benefit as other tertiary institutions will be covered by the Board in its engagements this month and beyond.



He further announced the introduction of a new scholarship framework that now extends support to students of Kaduna Polytechnic, alongside the launch of a student entrepreneurship loan scheme. Under the new initiative, trained vocational and entrepreneurial graduates will receive up to ₦1.5 million as start-up capital, with repayment scheduled to begin two years after business establishment, to promote youth empowerment and self-reliance.

Welcoming the delegation, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Yushau Ango Ibrahim on behalf of the Vice Chancellor Professor Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, expressed gratitude to the Scholarship Board for its sustained partnership with the University, noting that KASU has consistently benefitted from the Board’s interventions. He also praised the inclusion of primary school teachers and other categories into the scholarship system, describing it as a holistic approach to strengthening education at all levels.

Also speaking, the Special Adviser to the Executive Secretary on Scholarship Matters, Hajiya Haulat Madu Umar, applauded the Kaduna State Government for its bold decision to reduce tuition fees and assured that the current scholarship phase is only the beginning of an expanding programme designed to promote transparency and inclusiveness.

She advised students to continue to be guided by high moral values, respect for authority while engaging their time in pursuit of academic excellence.



Special Adviser to the Executive Secretary on Scholarship Matters, Hajiya Haulat Madu Umar

The occasion was further enriched by a poetic performance from Zainab Salihu, a Mass Communication student, who praised Governor Uba Sani as a compassionate leader, advocate of youth empowerment, and a lasting symbol of educational transformation in Kaduna State.



Beneficiaries React:

A cross section of the scholarship beneficiaries expressed heartfelt appreciation for the gesture saying the support would greatly relieve the financial pressure on their families. "This scholarship has come at the right time. We are truly grateful to the Kaduna State Government and sincerely hope the programme will continue and even increase so more students can benefit," as they maintained that the intervention is life-changing and motivation to work harder.

