

Govt Earmarks N107m for Scholarship



Governor Olusegun Mimiko

From James Sowole, This Day

Ondo State Government yesterday started the process for the disbursement of about N107 million it set aside for scholarship awards to its students in tertiary institutions.

Chairman of the State Scholarship Board, Mrs. Oluremi Edu, said in Akure, during the flag-off of the verification exercise for beneficiaries, that the scholarship awards were in five categories and that about 2,000 indigent students would benefit from the scheme.

She said the categories included medical students' award, with 1,389 beneficiaries; students in law school from 2009 to 2011 Session with 283 beneficiaries; and physically challenged students, where 264 students would benefit.

The other categories, she said, included eight students who excelled in JETS competition while representing the state and two others that exhibited good character who would be given automatic scholarship, while 100 students would get the regular scholarship.

Giving the breakdown of the amount involved, Edu said the awards for medical and law students had been increased from N25, 000 to N50, 000, while the physically challenged would get N50, 000, and automatic scholarship beneficiaries would get N25, 000 each up to the university level.

She disclosed that 100 students that would be chosen through a competitive examination this Saturday would get N100, 000 each.

She explained that the 970 students that were short-listed for the regular scholarship were those that had a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 4.0, adding that the award covered all university courses.

Edu, while addressing beneficiaries at the start of the exercise, assured them that they would all be paid before the end of this week, except those that would sit for the examination on Saturday.

She, however, warned the students against impersonation as the scholarship was only for students of Ondo State origin.

He warned that anybody caught to have violated the rule of the award, particularly impersonation, would be prosecuted.

She commended Governor Olusegun Mimiko for the award, adding that the gesture would go a long way in addressing some financial needs of the beneficiaries.