



ZADeF SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME – ANNOUNCEMENT-2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

Zijin Akyem Development Foundation (ZADeF) scholarship scheme application process is now open for tertiary students from the Zijin Akyem Mine project affected Communities who are beginning the **2025/2026 academic year** and are pursuing various tertiary programmes in the various public and private accredited Schools in Ghana. The affected mine communities for the scholarship scheme are ADAUSENA, HWEAKWAE, AMANFROM, ADJENUA, NTRONANG, AFOSU, NEW ABIREM, OLD ABIREM AND MAMANSO. The objective of the ZADeF scholarship scheme is to build Human Resource Capital within the Zijin Akyem Mine project affected Communities to support sustainable community development. The scholarship package covers part of the approved academic fees and hostel/hall fees where applicable. The funds will be spread over the duration of the education to its completion and community budget per student is considered. The Foundation does not charge a fee for the scholarship application.

Application Guidelines

STEP 1: Ensure that you meet the ZADeF Scholarship Scheme Eligibility Criteria indicated in this document

STEP 2: Create your email address for the purpose of the scholarship application and keep the password safely. Applicants with email addresses must ensure that they are active and can be accessed by the applicant.

STEP 3: All applicants must get the following documents ready before they fill the online scholarship application forms.

- Passport picture
- Admission letter and **WASSCE/ SSSCE** results, Bachelor's Degree Certificate and Transcript for Master Students
- Certified results slip from institution admitted for continuing students
- Current bills
- Any other relevant additional document.

Note: All applicants are required to upload their **passport picture** and **admission letter** online.

STEP 4: Visit the website below and complete the ZADeF Scholarship application forms;

<https://scholarship.paceware.solutions/>

Note: All applicants are to sign up with their email address before they can register and complete the application. A code will be sent to the applicant's email address for confirmation and activation. Application acknowledgement form will be issued to all applicants on the receipts of their completed application forms with the relevant documents.

STEP 5: Print the forms after completion and attach evidence in **STEP 3** for onward submission to the SDC within your community;

Scholarship Scheme Eligibility Criteria:

To qualify for the scholarship scheme, the applicant shall fulfil the following criteria:

- ❖ The applicant must be a Ghanaian, and a validated member of a Zijin Akyem Mine affected communities with a minimum of five (5) years residence.
- ❖ The applicant must fill a validation form to be endorsed by at least five (5) out of the seven (7) SDC members in their respective communities.
- ❖ An applicant should have obtained admission into any accredited tertiary institution in Ghana.
- ❖ An applicant should not be more than 45 years old.
- ❖ An applicant should not be a current beneficiary of a Scholarship administered by another institution.
- ❖ Must demonstrate academic merit (obtain not more than aggregate **24 in WASSCE/ SSSCE** or not less than **CWA/CGPA: 2.5** for continuing students). **WASSCE/ SSSCE** applicants are to attach their **WASSCE/ SSSCE results slip with the WAEC RESULTS CHECKER** to the printed scholarship application form and submitted to the SDC before validation. **WASSCE/ SSSCE** and Academic transcripts will be verified through the issuing Institutions. **Submission of any fake results or academic transcript will lead to disqualification.**
- ❖ **Mature students must demonstrate proof of admission, show a copy of Bachelor's Degree Certificate, Transcript indicating at least Second Upper and a certificate indicating completion of National Service.**
- ❖ An applicant should be of good character and should be prepared to sign a bond to serve the community for three years immediately after completion when required or contribute in service/cash towards the Foundation or development of the community.

PLEASE NOTE:

Kindly read **ALL** the instructions below before proceeding with the application process:

- Applicants must complete the scholarship application forms available at the website indicated in **STEP 4**.
- Applications will be evaluated based on the information provided. All questions should be answered as thoroughly as possible. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Once an application has been submitted, no changes will be allowed.
- Only applications submitted through the ZADeF scholarship process will be considered. **Submit hard copies of your application documents with hard copies of your results through your community SDC for validation. Please don't submit your application forms directly to ZADeF Office.**
- All materials submitted will not be returned to the applicant.
- Assessment of applicants will be done by the SDC members in conjunction with the ZADeF Secretariat.
- Only successful applicants will be notified through the SDC. **Please do not call to inquire about status of your application.**
- Falsification of Information will lead to your application being cancelled or withdrawal of scholarship award.
- **Applicants are to indicate their sponsoring community on the application form to aid with the validation process.**
- **Applicants are allowed to apply through only one (1) community and not through two (2) or more communities.**
- Submission of any fake document will lead to disqualification. Ensure that you provide your **correct date of birth, mother's name and father's name.**
- The scholarship award shall be withdrawn anytime your academic performance is found to be poor (**3 Fails**) within the academic year.
- **For auditing and verification purposes, all procedures must be followed before the final application forms are submitted to the SDC for validation.**

Deadline

The application deadline is **13th February, 2026**.