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FAWE KENYA CHAPTER NOMINATION GUIDELINES FOR COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR YEAR 2027

Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE) Kenya Chapter is a membership Organization and an affiliate of FAWE Pan African Regional Organization. FAWE Kenya Chapter is a member of the FAWE Network in Sub-Saharan Africa, working together with 33 other African countries to achieve equality and equity in education across the continent.

FAWE Kenya Chapter has a mandate to support girls and women to acquire education for development and therefore envisions a society where gender parity and equality in education and training prevail. To be able to accomplish its Mission and Vision, FAWE Kenya, through the FAWE Regional Secretariat, which is an agent of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) in the United Kingdom (UK), will take part in nominating female students for master's programs. The successful candidates will sign a bond with FAWE Kenya so that they can give back upon completion of their studies through mentorship, research, and volunteerism for two years.

Brief Description:

The Commonwealth Scholarships are for students from developing Commonwealth countries for Master's (one-year), study in the UK. The majority of Scholarships are funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). The prospectus and selection criteria, along with full details of the scholarships and information on how to apply, are available for candidates on the Commission's website at:

<https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/about-us/scholarships/>

Field(s) of study:

All subject areas are eligible for consideration, although the CSC's selection criteria give priority to those applications that demonstrate strong relevance to development. CSC's 6 Thematic areas are.



- i. *Science and Technology for Development*
- ii. *Strengthening Health Systems and Capacity*
- iii. *Promoting Global Prosperity*
- iv. *Strengthening Global Peace, Security, and Governance*
- v. *Strengthening Resilience and Response to Crises and*
- vi. *Access, Inclusion, and Opportunity.*

Target Group:

The scholarships are targeted at Developing Commonwealth Countries, but FAWE will concentrate only on the following member countries that are in the FAWE network.

Masters Scholarships

Cameroon, Eswatini, Gabon, Ghana, **Kenya**, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, The Gambia, Togo, Uganda, and Zambia only.

Eligibility

Full eligibility requirements for Master's candidates are available at: <https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-masters-scholarships/>

Advice to Applicants webpage

For further understanding, please click on the link provided to the CSC website, along with a list of FAQs.

A new [Advice to Applicants](#) page has been added to the CSC website along with a list of [FAQs](#).

In addition to the eligibility requirements outlined in the Commonwealth Scholarship Prospectus,

FAWE Kenya Chapter is encouraged to **nominate only female candidates** in Kenya, with priority given to.

Candidates who are currently or in the past contributed to FAWE's work, mission, and vision. Past FAWE beneficiaries/ FAWE scholarship alumni.

Candidates who have contributed to the promotion of girls' education, gender equity, and equality in education in their current or previous engagements.

Candidates with a **first degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics** are highly encouraged to apply.

Candidates who, in their application, show commitment contribute to FAWE's vision and mission within their communities upon completion of the course.



Please note that the deadline for candidates to submit their applications through the Commonwealth Scholarship Electronic Application System (EAS) is **Wednesday, 21 October 2026 at 1600 (GMT)**. Candidates' nomination. Applications must also reach the FAWE National Chapter Offices on the same day, **Wednesday, 21 October 2026 (1600 GMT)**. **All supporting documentation must have been submitted to the online application system by Wednesday, 21 October 2026, at 1600 (GMT).**

Applications with the following documents missing are considered incomplete and therefore ineligible:

- proof of citizenship or refugee status in an eligible Commonwealth country
- all university academic transcripts
- at least two references (in letterheaded paper, and signed)

Supporting Documents

For an application to be eligible for consideration, all applications together with supporting documents **must** be submitted **online**, and **hard copies submitted to the FAWE Kenya Office** (Gallant Mall, 5th floor, Parklands Road, Opposite Total Petrol Station, Nairobi, Kenya) not later than **Wednesday, 21 October 2026 at 1600 (GMT)**.

Proof of citizenship or refugee status – **uploaded to the online application system.**

Full transcripts detailing **all** your higher education qualifications, including to-date transcripts for any qualifications you are currently studying (with certified translations if not in English) – **uploaded to the online application system.**

References from at least two individuals –**Submitted directly by the referees to the online application system** (referees will be sent an email request).

It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that her referees can complete the references by the deadline and that they receive the reference requests –Master's Applicants.

The CSC will not accept supporting documentation submitted by nominating agencies or outside the online application system.

Application Instructions:

All applicants will be expected to have completed the CSC application form online by **Wednesday, 21 October 2026 at 1600 (GMT)**. Information on how to use the EAS, including detailed guides, is available at [Click here to apply for a Master's Scholarship:](https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-masters-scholarships/)
<https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-masters-scholarships/> - (Master's).



All nomination applications must be made through FAWE Kenya chapter by **Wednesday, 21 October 2026 (1600 GMT)**.

Important Information

- Please note that when applying online, applicants should select FAWE as the nominating Agency. Last year, some applicants did not follow these instructions and therefore could not be considered as FAWE applicants. Please let us know if you need support in any way.
- **Deadline for applications is Wednesday, 21 October 2026 at 1600 (GMT).** The **CSC will not** accept any applications that are not **submitted via the Electronic Application System (EAS) to the nominating agency** in the candidate's home country.
- All applications must be made through a **nominating agency**; **CSC does** not accept direct applications from candidates.

Wishing you all the best as you embark on this academic journey. Thank you!

