

OVIE BRUME FOUNDATION

Project 'No Excuses'

Educating Future Leaders



1. Introduction

The Ovie Brume Foundation, is a non-governmental and non-profit organization, registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC/IT/NO 20585) and National Planning Commission.

The Ovie Brume Foundation was established in 2003 to commemorate the memory of Oviehire Brume by supporting his commitment to Nigeria's development through youth empowerment. The Foundation is committed to creating an enabling environment for young people to reach their goals and give back to their communities. **“Our vision is a society where everyone is educated and empowered.” The five core values driving our vision and mission are Integrity, Excellence, Professionalism, Respect and Inclusion.**

The Foundation is committed to creating an enabling environment for young people to reach their goals and give back to their communities. The Foundation works with over 25 schools in Lagos, Ogun and Delta states bridging the gaps between students in private and public schools, in the area of literacy, sports for development and other empowerment programs. Over the last ten years, the Foundation has implemented literacy enhancement programmes to increase the reading, writing and communication skills of children at our youth centre and outreach sites.

This is achieved by providing a positive and safe environment where youths have access to a wide range of structured character building activities, meet appropriate role models, and obtain support and counselling at no cost to them. At the core of the Foundation is its Youth Centre, which provides young people with a wide range of recreational, social and educational opportunities, through which they are encouraged to develop positive attitudes; discover their innate gifts and talents; recognize opportunities that are available to them, and reach higher levels of achievements in all their endeavours.

1.1 Project 'No Excuses'

Project “No Excuses” is a scholarship scheme with the overall goal of mitigating the underlying factors that hinders outstanding public primary and secondary school children from having educational opportunities.

The scholarship scheme is structured in a way that Sponsors will be sought to support a child for the duration of his/her primary or secondary education which is a long term commitment that ensures the project's sustainability.

1.2 Justification

Education supports economic development, social reform and civic participation. Quality education is necessary for young persons who aspire to make impact in various walks of life. Nigeria's population growth has surged thereby putting pressure on the country's resources, public services and infrastructure. With children under 15 years of age accounting for 45 per cent of the 171 million population, the burden on education has become increasingly overwhelming. Although statistic has shown increment in primary school enrolment, Nigeria still accounts for 10.5 million out of school children while poverty remains a stubborn fact of life among citizens.

Lack or limited access to educational opportunities, expensive school fees, malnutrition, child labour, adolescent marriage, teenage pregnancies, etc. are factors that limit young people from reaching their full potentials. Over the years, outstanding children have been denied the opportunity to proceed to higher level

due to the harsh realities of their parent's inability to pay schools fees. However, Government funded schools in Nigeria have practically collapsed over the years because of poor funding, leaving children from poor homes with no option but the government public schools and the streets.

Thus, quality education, is the foundation that a young person needs to overcome societal challenges and become a valuable, income-generating member of the community. Project 'No Excuses' is an initiative that supports the attainment of education by all children of school age; the project provides educational, nutritional, health and social support to children passionate about going to school and have excelled in their studies, but who face challenges as a result of poverty to access support structures needed to meet up with the economic demands of their education.

2. Service Provision

The goal of Project "No Excuses" is to mitigate the underlying factors that prevent outstanding public primary and secondary school children benefiting from educational opportunities. The PNE scholarship package therefore provides the following to beneficiaries:

1. Health Care, which is provided via a reputable health insurance company
2. Nutritional Support in form of food items for the students and their family on a quarterly basis;
3. Clothing which includes two sets of school uniforms and four sets of outing clothing on an annual basis;
4. Educational Supplies in form of books and stationary items as required each term;
5. Transport back and forth school.

3. The Process

For the duration of a student's primary or secondary education a sponsor will be asked to support. This long-term commitment ensures the project's sustainability. Sponsorship will be provided through OBF on an annual basis, the Foundation will act as a mediator between the sponsor and the child. The sponsor is also expected to attend annual stakeholder meeting at the Foundation with the beneficiary and the parent.

Each child is attached to a supervisor who monitors the child's activities in school and at the foundation and provides a termly developmental report to the sponsor.

3.1 Expected Outcomes

- Increased access to education
- Improved ability to learn
- Increased access to standard health services
- Improved nutritional status
- Proper dressing
- Completion of primary and secondary education

3.2 Deliverables

- Termly report to sponsors on overall development of beneficiaries.
- Administration of the scholarship funds which includes
 - ✓ Nutritional support on a quarterly basis
 - ✓ Health care from a reputable Health Insurance company and educational needs annually.
 - ✓ Clothing which is done biannually

- Ensure that the stakeholders' meeting for sponsor, the PNE beneficiaries and parents hold.
- Ensuring that meeting with Parents, beneficiaries and PNE Team hold biannually.
- To ensure that proper monitoring take place termly.

4. PNE Statistics

Total number of PNE Beneficiaries from 2011 till date	48
Graduated	25
Ongoing	23

5. Success Stories

Since the inception of Project "No Excuses", we have had 48 students under the scheme, 25 students have graduated from the scheme.

Presently, we have 23 students on the scheme with 2 in University, 7 in primary school and 14 in secondary school.

1. **Temitope Fatimo** a beneficiary of the Project "No Excuses" scheme was able to get into the University of Lagos not just because of her intelligent but also for her taekwondo and volleyball skill, which earned her a spot in the university taekwondo and volleyball team. And a continuous sponsorship from her Sponsor
2. **Mohammed Ali** stands out at his place of NYSC primary assignment in Yola by imparting the skills (life skills, dance and ICT knowledge) he learned from the Foundation to the community. He currently works with Coronation Merchant Bank.
3. **Ibrahim Mohammed** had the best SSCE result in his school that he became a point of reference for other students.
4. **Adama Jubril** a primary 6 student got scholarship into a private school because of her outstanding skill in spelling bees competition which the foundation enhances through the after school classes held at the foundation. The after school classes included; reading, spelling bees, use of Ace reader to help with word pronunciation.
5. **Naomi Osuji:** Naomi joined Project "No Excuses" Scholarship Scheme in 2014 under the sponsorship of Mrs. Rakiya Zubairu. The scholarship Scheme enabled her to pursue her dream of studying Mass Communication in Yaba School of Technology.
6. **Dansu Sunday:** Since joining the Project "No Excuses" Scholarship Scheme, there have been improvement in Sunday's writing, speaking and reading skills due to constant supervision by making sure he attends the creative writing class which is mandatory for all beneficiaries.
7. **Rosemary Adibe:** Rosemary became a beneficiary of the Project "No Excuses" Scholarship Scheme in 2012 while she was in primary school. She has grown into a confident girl. She is one the best students in her school. She volunteered to teach the SS1 and SS2 students in her school

Biology while in SS3 and they all did excellently well in the subject. She has improved greatly in her writing skill due to her participation in the Creative Class with this she has won several essay competitions for her school.

8. **Hauwa Mohammed:** She became a beneficiaries of Project “No Excuses” Scholarship Scheme when she was in Primary school in 2012. The scholarship scheme exposed her to the world of ICT at the Foundation this exposure won Hauwa a scholarship to participate in a training and mentoring Programme aimed at improving technology skills of girls at the W-Tech (Women in Technology) summer camp. She was outstanding during the practical session and she came out best overall in the Camp. Her Sponsor, Mr. Irokosu was so impressed with her academics that he decided to enroll her in a Private Secondary School for better improvement education wise.

9. **Mohammed Mohammed:** Mohammed never had access to good health care until he became a member of the Project “No Excuses” Scholarship Scheme. The father attest to this during the 2018 parent/beneficiaries meeting. He also said the nutritional support have been of a good help to his family. Since becoming a beneficiary, Mohammed spoken English is improving daily with the help of the creative writing class.

10. **Emmanuel Benjamin:** Emmanuel became one the beneficiaries of the Project “No Excuses” in 2018. He was recommended by his School Head in Kuramo Junior Secondary School. Being a beneficiary of the Scholarship Scheme has improved his school attendance and performance due to the transport support he get every month he now gets to school on time to meet up with classes. The nutritional support has been of great help to his family and his access to good health insurance has helped with getting him corrective glasses for his eyes.

Project “No Excuses” (PNE) List from inception until date

S/N	NAMES	GENDE R	YEAR STARTED	YEAR FINISHED	REMARK
1.	Prisca Abang	Female	2016	2023	On going
2.	Daniel Monday	Male	2016	2026	On going
3.	Promise Akwuaje	Female	2016	2027	On going
4.	Mohammed Hauwa	Female	2012	2020	On going
5.	Umaru Hasfat	Female	2013	2019	On going
6.	Enejo Maria	Female	2013	2019	On going
7.	Adibe Rosemary	Female	2012	2019	On going
8.	Victoria Sessi	Female	2014	2023	On going
9.	Hannah Aborisade	Female	2015	2023	On going
10.	Fatima Temitope	Female	2012	2020	On going
11.	Fatimah Ibrahim	Female	2017	2020	Ongoing

12.	Moahmmed Moahmmed	Male	2017	2026	Ongoing
13.	Rejoice Lucas	Female	2017	2022	Ongoing
14.	Ikimat Oladiti	Female	2017	2023	Ongoing
15.	Tofunmi Adanlawo	Female	2017	2027	Ongoing
16.	Benjamin Emmanuel	Male	2018	2023	Ongoing
17.	Usman Abubakar	Male	2018	2026	Ongoing
18.	Judah Samuel	Female	2019	2020	Ongoing
19.	David lucas	Male	2019	2020	Ongoing
20.	Aisha Wasiu	Female	2019	2020	Ongoing
21.	Success Teitei	Female	2018	2023	Ongoing
22.	Tudor Oghenetega	Male	2018	2022	Ongoing
23.	Marvelous Akaba	Female	2018	2020	Ongoing
24.	Solomon Esther	Female	2013	2017	Graduated
25.	Adama Jubril	Female	2014	2017	Graduated
26.	Naomi Osuji	Female	2014	2017	Graduated
27.	Dansu Sunday	Male	2014	2019	Graduated
28.	Chiamaka Uzoamaka	Female	2013	2014	Graduated
29.	Chidinma Uzoamaka	Female	2013	2014	Graduated
30.	Edmund Anitte	Male	2013	2016	Graduated
31.	Beatrice Odunuga	Female	2012	2016	Graduated
32.	Ibrahim Mohammed	Male	2011	2017	Graduated
33.	Abraham Esther	Female	2014	2015	Graduated
34.	Joseph Julius	Male	2014	2015	Graduated
35.	Mariam Ali	Female	2013	2014	Graduated
36.	Mohammed Ali	Male	2011	2016	Graduated
37.	Edet Edidong	Male	2014	2016	Graduated
38.	Olaniyi Odofin	Male	2019	2019	Graduated
39.	Patrick Favour	Female	2015	2016	Graduated
40.	Bernard Chidubem	Female	2015	2016	Graduated
41.	Ohaneche Chisom	Female	2015	2016	Graduated
42.	Abdulrasak Sekinat	Female	2015	2016	Graduated
43.	Ugwulor Esther	Female	2015	2016	Graduated
44.	Oridota Boluwatife	Male	2015	2016	Graduated
45.	Agbemele Peace	Female	2015	2016	Graduated
46.	Adeyilola Kehinde	Male	2015	2016	Graduated
47.	Lawal Sheriff	Male	2015	2016	Graduated

48.	Ojumola Michael	Male	2015	2016	Graduated
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