

Revise student loan scheme and scholarships

EDITOR: Senior six students that sat last year are now looking for suitable universities.

Of course it is not a guarantee that after Form Six one can go to university straightaway. There are some terms and conditions that apply and among these is the condition of funding.

There are many students that completed A'level and many have loved to join university, but in vain due to lack of funds.

Fortunately, the Government realised this and has tried to devise some support for such under privileged students. This includes the higher education students loan scheme.

That sounds great news and in fact many financially handicapped students and parents welcomed this innovation.

I am also among those that have been hoping to benefit from this programme, but I have learnt that this programme favours only science students.

I am told arts students can only benefit from it, if they are disabled. This is very dissapointing.

I am beseeching the Government to revisit this programme so that arts students are also considered.

The mission of the Higher Education Students Financing Board is To provide sustainable financing for equitable access to higher education to all eligible Ugandans.

This, therefore, means that any Ugandan who is underprivileged financially but qualifies for university can benefit from this scheme, but why then limit it to sciences only?

I would rather suggest the scheme be limited to some courses.

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