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### USAG COMMENDS BOTH NPP AND NDC OVER THEIR UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP POLICY FOR FRESHLY ADMITTED UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

It has come to the notice of the University Students' Association of Ghana (USAG), the policy proposals of both the governing New Patriotic Party and the Opposition National Democratic Party to lessen the monetary burden on parents of tertiary students; in absorbing the tuition fees for freshly admitted University students who graduated under the free SHS policy.

It is widely known and experienced economically, the debilitating and adverse effect of the pandemic on the working class and students locally and globally. We believe that these initiatives will, on a broader note assuage the hostile effects of the pandemic. However, whilst the incumbent, the governing NPP is promising scholarship packages for the free SHS graduates and assuring continuing students of abolishing the guarantor system with respect to the Student Loan Trust Fund, the opposition NDC promises same but adds that, it will absorb 50% fees of continuing tertiary students should they win this year's election.

USAG welcomes this novel and impressive policies from both parties and commends them for being definite and insightful about the future of the Ghanaian youth in putting through their future dreams and aspiration.

**Nonetheless, we importantly advise our constituents, the Ghanaian University Students to strategically assess both parties on their records of delivering manifesto promises as well the feasibilities of the intervention outlined in their policy documents, even the latter day promises.** We encourage that everyone who is eligible to vote should do on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**It is therefore noteworthy that, in the period leading to and following Ghana's elections on December 7, we call on all actors to remain peaceful and respect the democratic process. We encourage all parties to make it clear to their constituents that any violence or attempts to use intimidation to disrupt the democratic process is unacceptable. USAG call on every Ghanaian youth to remain, at all times, conduits of peace throughout to the day of elections and beyond. Thank You**

Signed by;  
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