

**INFLUENCE OF SELECTED FACTORS ON DISBURSEMENT
OF CONSTITUENCY SECONDARY EDUCATION BURSARY
FUNDS IN KITUI CENTRAL DISTRICT, KENYA**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to investigate factors influencing disbursement of constituency secondary education bursary fund (CSEBF) in Kitui Central District. The objectives of the study were: To determine the awareness of deserving children for CSEBF awards. To determine if political system influences the CSBEF disbursement .To establish the adequacy of the amount of money allocated for CSEBF .To determine if CSEBF funds allocations are regular and if policy or guidelines influences the CSEBF disbursement. Literature review on the documented information about factors influencing disbursement of constituency Secondary Education Bursary according to the objectives of the study presented in Chapter two .This study will use descriptive survey from the CDF bursary .Interview guides were used to collect data from purposively selected bursary committee (CBC) members .Quantitative data were analyzed using descriptive statistics :percentages ,frequency distribution tables were used to test the relationship between procedures of bursary awards and policy or guidelines to be followed .Qualitative data were categorized thematically and narratives according to each respondents view's from the responses were written and presented as quotations from the respondents. The findings were that the laid down guidelines on the bursary allocations were not adhered to in the district .This denied the right students (bright and needy) the opportunity to access this bursary funds thus keeping them out of school .The study concluded that to enhance the disbursement of CBF funds there was need to allocate the CBF funds through the headteachers to have transparent vetting systems ,and involve the community in identifying the beneficiaries and increase bursary allocations for the needy students .Redirecting the funds to the school head teachers ,involving the community in the selection of beneficiaries and the headteachers to working with the teachers in the allocation of bursary would go along way into improving the use of CBF funds .It was recommended that the CBFC members should not be left to the area MP who ended up politicizing it by rewarding his/her political friends. The CBF guidelines should be followed in selection of the CBFC members who should have a time frame for serving. The already serving CBFC members should be trained or in -serviced in financial management and other relevant management areas .The following issues emerged from the study and were suggested for the further investigation. A further study on the influence of politics in the disbursement of CBF in Kenyan Secondary schools ;An investigation into the levels of involving the community in the Disbursement of CBF in Kenyan Schools; A study on the effectiveness of disbursement of public secondary school education bursary through constituency bursary fund (CBF) in other parts of the country .