

receives 1,400 applications

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Madhvani Foundation recently announced it had received scholarship applications in excess of 1,400 this academic year, from students in various universities across the country, who need financial assistance to complete their education. This year's applications will be examined under the new leadership of Anthony Butele, who takes over from Henry Kyemba as chairman of the Madhvani Foundation Scholarship committee.

Commenting on his appointment, Butele said: "I am honoured to be entrusted with such a pivotal role in an organisation that is doing so much to shape the socio-economic landscape of the country through supporting the growth and development of a competent and skilled talented human resource pool. We will continue to dedicate our time and resources to ensuring that students with the highest potential but without ad-

equate financial backing, receive [the] much-needed support through a transparent selection process."

The Madhvani Foundation was established in 1962 on the eve of Uganda's independence to honour the vision of the founder of the Madhvani group, the late Muljibhai Prabhudas Madhvani. In 2003, the board set up the University Education Trust, its principal objective being the promotion of scientific and technical education for the betterment of the people of Uganda. Since 2003, the trust has educated over 1,300 university students and provided scholarships worth more than Shs 3bn.

Speaking about the applications, Butele said: "It is students like these that give Madhvani Foundation a sense of purpose to continue dedicating large amounts of money from year to year in order to support their education. They are all brilliant students and all they need is someone to give them a little push so they can realise their career dreams. The applications will be scrutinised carefully and any form of fraud or canvassing will not be tolerated and will result in



Madhvani Foundation chairman Anthony Butele (R) receives scholarship applications PHOTO/COURTESY

the disqualification of an applicant's entry. We hope that this year, even more students will benefit from the opportunity offered by the foundation. Applicants will be notified of any progress in the application process through our website and successful candidates will be contacted for personal

interviews in July."

He concluded by advising all candidates to always remain hopeful and reassured them that through its more than 10 years of support, the scheme had maintained its standards of transparency, as well as a fair selection committee and this would continue.