



# Firm gives scholarship to albinos

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Two persons living with albinism were last Friday presented with full educational scholarship awards by an organization known as ETA-ZUMA Group West African Limited.

Master Success Amos, a primary three pupil from Akwa-ibom State, and Miss Happy Joseph, a junior secondary student from Kaduna State were selected for the scholarship based on gender, geopolitical as well as brilliant considerations.

Presenting the awards to the beneficiaries, the group's Executive Chairman, Dr. Innocent Ezuma, said the gesture, which is part of the corporate social responsibility of the body, is borne out of passion towards the less privileged persons in the society.

Ezuma, who was represented by his personal assistant, Dr. Okoh Emeka, said he believes in the power of education, which he described as a veritable platform that can thrust the beneficiaries into the fulfillment of their dreams.

He further hinted that the scholarship, which would be a continuous one, will span through the period of their secondary education to the tertiary levels of any institution of their choice in Nigeria.

While commending the efforts of the Albino Foundation in advocating for the protection and promotion of the rights of persons with albinism beyond national borders, the Chairman called on other spirited Nigerians, corporate organisations as well as government to support the foundation in bettering the lots of albinos.

Earlier, the Chief Executive Officer, Albino Foundations, Jack Epelle, expressed appreciation to the firm for extending her generosity to the foundation, assuring that the opportunity would be fully maximized.

The guardian of one of the recipients, Happy, Micheal Bidada, said measures had already been taken, including changing the girl from her initial school to a better one, as well as close monitoring to ensure a steady improvement in her academic performance.