

# Scholarship opportunities for your child

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With the hard economic times and increasing pressures on the relatively stagnant incomes, a bursary or scholarship is a much-needed relief for many parents and students.

For mostly bright and needy students, these are some of the scholarships you can tap into.

## Forum for African Women Educationists Uganda

Every year, over 100 scholarships are given out to students joining Senior One by FAWEU.

This is specifically for bright but needy students, both boys and girls. The procedure for applying is as follows: Submit a handwritten application and attach a copy of your Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) results and copies of two termly reports preceding UCE.

Also submit a reference letter by the school headteacher, a letter from your home area LC1 chairperson and a sketch map to your home from the nearest trading centre.

## Bukedde FM bursaries

This year, Vision Group's Bukedde radio will be targeting at least 30 needy students from the community to benefit from its bursary programme.

**Former Hillside Primary School pupil Christine Nafuna celebrates with her mother after getting Aggregate four in the recently released Primary Leaving Examinations. There are many scholarships for bright children**



People write in recommending children who have the potential to study, but lack finances to go back to school.

After a selection process, a team goes out to assess the potential candidates in their communities before any award is given. The scheme caters for only tuition fees.

## Kabalega Education Fund

This is a project run by the Bunyoro Kitara Kingdom under the education ministry. It targets

needy, but clever students in the kingdom, regardless of their tribal background.

The deputy minister of education in the kingdom, John Baguma, says this year they will give 500 scholarships.

## Requirements

Write an application letter addressed to the kingdom's education minister and attach a copy of your result slip, recommendation letter from the chairperson LC1 or parish chief

and a passport photo.

## Kabaka Education Fund

These come as full or half bursaries and students must meet the requirements of a particular school if they are to benefit from the opportunities.

Students are expected to get application forms from the education offices at Mengo. Fill the forms and return them, accompanied by a photocopy of the students' identity card from the former school.

## The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Programme at BRAC

As part of the eight-year programme that started in 2013, BRAC scholarships will this year target only A'level students.

The scholars go through a vigorous multi-stage screening process that also involves home visits to assess their vulnerability and interviews at the district level.

Students on this programme receive a comprehensive package of support, including school fees, uniforms, learning materials, transportation, accommodation and a monthly stipend.

## Wanyana Ssematimba Foundation

The scheme supports needy children from all walks of life,

regardless of their academic performance.

It comes in both full and half bursaries and registration is done at Super FM offices in Rubaga. Students are expected to go with their PLE result slips or report card from their former school, plus an ID of their former school.

## National Union of Disabled Persons in Uganda (NUDIPU)

This association helps people with disability. For more details, visit their offices on Kisasi Road, Bukoto, plot 530.

## World Vision Uganda

World Vision is a Christian-founded global NGO that helps needy children attain education through sponsorships.

Agnes Kabaikya, the communications manager for World Vision, says the money is paid directly to the schools with which they collaborate. Visit their offices on Plot 15b, Nakasero Road for details.

## He Intends Victory Uganda

This is a Christian-based organisation that helps children orphaned by HIV/AIDS in Kitiko-Birongo, Wakiso district.

Go to their offices with your academic documents and do not forget to carry your passport photos.

## Habitat for Humanity

It is a settlement group that strives to put an end to poverty and poor housing. However, besides that, it has also invested in educating and skilling the youth in different academic fields.

Brenda Luyiga, the communications manager Habitat for humanity, says: "Selection is done by local council leaders, who look for children in communities that are vulnerable. We get the families, give them decent housing and also skill the children," she says.

Luyiga says that all one needs to have are passport photos and evidence that they have been at school up to a level not lower than Primary Seven.

## Other scholarships

Some scholarships are offer by donor countries and channelled through the education ministry to the needy students.

These are handled by the ministry's central scholarship committee in the department of higher education.

The ministry pins available scholarships on its notice board and sometimes publishes them in the media.

The ministry decides who qualifies for these scholarships after assessing the applications from prospective beneficiaries.

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