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Options to consider outside formal education

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The best gift a parent can give a child is an education, a common adage goes. Usually, this kind of education is expected to be academic based. But for one reason or another, not everyone gets a chance to attain a formal education.

Most are denied the chance of advancing their education because of limited resources.

For Aisha Bahati, her dream of finishing school was shattered several years back after dropping out of Top Care Primary School in Jinja District because her parents lacked enough money to pay for her education. Bahati was only able to study up to Primary Three before dropping out.

"Since my mother was a hair dresser, she slowly incorporated me into the (hairdressing) field by teaching me how to plait different hairstyles including braids and dreadlocks," she says. Over the next years, Bahati who is visually impaired mastered the art and today, she works in a salon in Nsambya, a Kampala suburb. Today, the 22-year-old is known as the blind hairdresser.

Short courses

Eve Namugaya, an administrator at Jimmy Sekasi Institute in Mpigi District, says if one has not been able to advance in education, but still has the finances, they can opt for specialised certificates in different courses.

Anyone can be accommodated for these courses as they do not even need Senior Four or Senior Six qualifications. In the end, they are able to attain the required skills and compete favourably in the job market," she says.

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