

Dan Ritchie, his wife Alicia and Bill Budd's widow Nancy were the primary donors to the fund in the early years. As the number of students increased, friends and other family members pitched in so that the fund could continue to support new recipients as well as those who continued on to forms three and four. Thus in 2002, in addition to continuing to aid students from the first two years, the fund was able to award six new scholarships.



V. was born in 1984 in the Narok District. She is 4th born in her mother's house and 13th in her Maasai family. She went through a very difficult time with no fees because in her community she is a source of wealth--many cows and goats. She was so determined to pursue her education that she mobilized some well-wishers who took her to school. By the time she was admitted to the NCKK scholarships,

V. was focused in life and showed a sense of commitment and hope, and she never gave up.

At times, she was almost married off during holidays, but she was too sharp for her parents and always managed to escape. On several occasions, she has had to spend time with the NCKK staff to avoid marriage arrangements. She completed form four in 2004 with an overall grade of B.

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H. was born into a family of seven in 1984 in the Meru South District. His performance on the KCPE earned him admittance to one of the best provincial schools in the eastern province. However, he could not join the school as his parents were peasant farmers and had no stable income. He joined a local day school and worked after classes to raise his fees. His teachers realized he was serious and



B. was born in 1986 in the Kisumu District. He is the eighth born out of nine children and lost both his parents when he was in primary school. He scored well on his certificate and joined one of the national schools in the western province, the Maseno school. While there he proved to be a very charming young person, became a house captain, was involved in community services and received many certificates of recognition.

although he had a huge fee balance they let him stay in school. When he was eventually selected as one of Budd scholars, the NCCCK paid his arrears. This marked a new beginning for him and his performance improved remarkably. He did form four final exams in 2003 and obtained a B+. He is waiting for admission to one of the public universities.



He has a special interest in extra curricular activities and has been very useful during NCCCK retreats when it comes to mobilizing other students. His performance in secondary school has been stable, although most times he did not have bus fare to travel to his home province. The NCCCK scholarship staff provided the fare because B is just too convincing. He completed form four in 2004.

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E. was born in 1986. She is the first born of six children. Her father abandoned the family, and her mother, a housewife, has been trying to get casual jobs to provide basic needs for the children. E. was admitted to join form one in Kegoye secondary school.

Her grandfather, who was assisting with school fees, died in 1999, so the family has gone through a lot of hardships. She was selected by the western province to join the Budd scholars' family and has been stable with her studies.

A. was born in 1986 in Nairobi. His father was unfairly dismissed by his employer in 1998, young as he was, subjecting his family to untold suffering. His mother is a housewife and depends on the father as the sole breadwinner. During the eight years A. was in primary school, he was always among the top five in his class. His performance earned him a place in a national school, but his lack of fees meant that he had to

be out of school for long periods. His courage and zest impressed the committee, and his performance started improving after the NCCCK started paying for him. His school is very proud of him, and his name was among the top one hundred students in Nairobi province. He scored straight As in all the subjects he took. In 2005 he was accepted at Wichita State College in the US where he is studying aeronautics

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W was born in 1984 in the Trans-Nzoia District. He is the first born and has two siblings. His parents are peasant farmers in Kinyoro. His performance in secondary school has not been too encouraging, necessitating the program to request the guidance and counseling

department of the school to assist him. W. could have done much better in a provincial school –our assessment is that he did not fit in the class of Lenana. He is quite bright but this setback has affected his stability and confidence.

