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**Profiles of Scholarship Student
Selection 2021 – Phase 2
William and Nancy Budd Scholarship**

Summary Report

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CENTRAL REGION

SUSAN M. W.

Susan was born in 2007 in Laikipia County. She's the last born in a family of 5 children and a single mother. Her father left the family when Susan was barely a year old and hasn't been supporting the family to date. Her mother has been struggling to fend for the family through casual labor and peasant farming. Her difficulties date back to her primary school days when her mother struggled to pay for her fees and those of her siblings. She, however, never lost hope and worked hard in her studies, as was evident when she did her KCPE and she scored 369 marks.

She was admitted at a girls high school, but entry proved difficult as her mother could not raise the required fees. She would have been taken to a nearby public day school were it not for the intervention of a well-wisher from her church who paid for her entry. Her mother has continued to struggle to keep her in school and she has found herself being sent home frequently, something that affects her concentration and performance. Susan is a committed member of Boys and Girls Brigade at her local church.



Susan is a bright and disciplined student who, if supported, has great potential to excel in her academics and reach her dream of being an Agronomist to uplift the status of her family and of the community. Given that her mother doesn't have a reliable source of income, Susan is recommended for the scholarship.

MANASSEH M. G.

Manasseh was born in 2005 in Nyeri County. He is the second born in a family of two children and a single mother. He sat for his KCPE in 2019 and scored 397 marks. Manasseh confesses to having experienced difficulties in his primary education as his mother, who is a vegetable seller earning only a little income, struggled to keep him and his brother in school. He was frequently sent home for fees.

Manasseh was admitted to high school. His mother sought help from a community development fund to admit him to the school which continued to support his stay. However, this help hasn't been forthcoming, especially in the second year and his mother has been greatly struggling to keep him in school. This has resulted in him having fees balances, for which he is sent home. His academic



performance is affected by these absences from school and seeing his mother struggling to take care of the family's needs.

Despite these challenges, Manasseh has remained hopeful that he will make it. He is a bright student and is seen as a disciplined and committed young man in PCEA Karatina. His dream is to become a surgeon. He seeks this support to enable him to have uninterrupted learning and looks forward to being considered.

NORTH RIFT REGION

COLLINS K. K.

Collins was born in 2005 to a single mother. He is a staunch Christian. He did his KCPE in 2019 and scored 416 marks and was admitted to a national high school. His mother struggles a lot to sustain him in school.

The struggle at home has affected some of his siblings who had to drop of school out to allow their mother to focus on him. Getting decent clothing and a square meal at their home is a mirage.

The headteacher describes Collins as a focused and hardworking student who deserves support to see him through with his studies.

The area chief wrote that Collins comes from a very humble background and his mother rarely makes ends meet.

Collins says that, if given an opportunity through scholarship, he will study so hard with a motivation to give back to other needy students in the future.



EULITA C. K.

Eulita was born in 2005 in Trans-Nzoia West. She is the third born in a family of four children.

She has a brother in secondary school who is in form Four and this complicates resource mobilization for school fees for peasant farmers who live in a 0.02 acres piece of land growing vegetables and bananas.

Her parents are casual workers at a nearby sisal farm who are paid peanuts and are unable to pay Eulita's school fees for her secondary education.

A priest in charge of a popular Catholic Church in the area describes Eulita as active in church activities. He also reports that Eulita is a responsible, respectful, and obedient student.

The headteacher for the girls high school Eulita attends recommended her as a top performer who is currently at a mean grade of B and a mean point of 9.091. She also said that Eulita is a very disciplined and hardworking girl who should be emulated by others.



She is hopeful that her request will be considered. She will be thankful and promises to work hard.

UPPER EASTERN REGION

IMELDA K.

Imelda was born in 2005 in Meru County. She is the 3rd born in family of 7 siblings. She is currently in form two of high school. She comes from a humble background since both of her parents are jobless and they lack most necessities. Her education life has been difficult all through due to inadequate resources to meet her fees and other basic needs.

When she was in primary school, it was quite hard for her fees to be paid and she stayed at home for most of the time helping her mother with farm work and working for other people for pay. She had to repeat class eight owing to lack of money to join form one and failure to secure a scholarship that she had hoped for.

She sat her KCPE in the year 2019 and scored 362 marks and was admitted to a Girls High School, which was her dream school. However, she is facing lots of challenges because her jobless parents cannot afford to pay the fees in full and on time. Her sister, who is currently in form four, has to bear with staying at home most of the time due to huge fee balances. During the holiday, Imelda assists her mother in doing laundry and other menial jobs so that she can get some cash to do her shopping and pay for transport when the school opens. In form one, she managed to get a few bursaries but since she joined form two, no bursaries have been forthcoming.

Imelda prays that she gets the scholarship that will enable her to work hard and attain good grades in form four. After completing her studies, she hopes to give back to the community. She was proposed as one of the beneficiaries for the form two sponsorship by the Church leaders drawn from the Upper Eastern Region.



DAVID K. M.

David was born in 2002 in Tharaka Nithi County as a 4th born in a family of 6 children. Later, the family migrated to Gituri village where he joined Primary school. He was brought up by a single parent amidst many challenges. He studied up to standard four, when his mother was unable to raise the entire school fees and stayed home for a whole term. After going back to school, he repeated class four since he had not done the end of year examinations. He continued with his studies in the same school, although he would be sent home often due to fee balances. In standard 7, a well-wisher sponsored him to complete primary education. In 2018, he joined Premier Junior Academy under Mr. Mugambi Ndabu who sponsored him. At Premier academy, he repeated standard seven in order to improve his grades. In 2019, he sat for KCPE and attained 412 marks and was admitted to High School.

His mother could not raise the full form one fees, so he was sent back home on the day of reporting since it was compulsory to clear the entire fees before admission. After two days, he was lucky to receive some money from the Constituency Development Fund, which enabled him to be admitted to form one.

Since he joined form two, no assistance has been forthcoming from anywhere and this has been a big struggle for his single, unemployed mother. Consequently, the fee balance has continued to increase each term, and now stands at over kshs. 70, 000 (about \$575). David has two other siblings, who are in school, and it is a daily struggle, since the family has no source of income. He says that he is working very hard in school and he believes one day God will enable him to move his family from the current state of affairs.

David was recommended to benefit from the form two sponsorship project.



LOWER EASTERN REGION

JONES M. M.

Jones is an 18-year-old boy born in 2003. He is the last-born child in a family of nine children. He hails from Makueni County and is currently a Form two student in high school.

Jones is a total orphan. He lost his father in 2005 when he was two years old. His widowed mother strived to take care of the large family until her demise in 2014 when he was 11 years old. He stayed at home for two years before he was assisted by well-wishers who took him to a child orphanage in Mombasa where he resumed primary school. However, he was accommodated up to class 7 then the children's center closed down. Upon learning of his predicament, his cousin who was living with his immediate brother went and picked him. He adopted him and has been his guardian since 2017. He took him to a nearby school where he did his KCPE in 2019 and scored 373 marks despite the many hardships at home. He was called to join a provincial level high school. His cousin mobilized family and friends to fundraise for his secondary education. However, his first year in high school was not easy since he depends on his cousin who also has a family to take care of. His casual job wages are not sufficient to meet his basic and school fee needs. Some of his elder siblings dropped out of school while others did not continue with their tertiary education because they could not afford the school fees. Most of them engage in unskilled casual jobs for sustenance. They do not support Jones, making it difficult for his cousin who solely supports him.

Jones has strived to perform well in school despite his absenteeism when his school fee is not paid. He is determined to work hard to improve his family's well being. He hopes he can be ably supported with school fees to allow him to concentrate in school and attain university grades which will enable him to become an electrical engineer.



ANNAH K. M.

Annah is currently a form two student in high school. She was born in 2004, in one of the driest parts of Kitui County. She is the fourth born in a family of four children. She has two sisters and one brother

She started her early education in a primary school which was very far from their home. She studied there up to class four before she was transferred to a different primary school where she did her KCPE. Her primary education was tough, as she was often sent home for lack of school fees. She would stay at home until her parents could earn enough for her and her elder siblings. Her mother and father are elderly peasant farmers who rely on small-scale farming for sustenance. This is unreliable, owing to the semi-arid nature of the location. It has also not been easy for Annah and her siblings, since her parents have not had good harvests in the last seasons. The casual light jobs hardly meet their needs. Despite the challenges, she managed to sit for her Primary education certificate in 2019 where she attained 365 marks.



She managed to join a girls' high school through her family's and well-wishers' support. Unfortunately, her sister, who was also in the same school, had to be transferred to a local school for her parents to manage the school fee burden. She eventually dropped out of school to allow Annah to pursue her studies. The eldest brother, who cleared his secondary education, has not been able to pursue his college education, while the third born did not join secondary school. He hopes the parents can get enough money to help him join a vocational college to enhance his skills.

Annah has been in and out of school, which has affected her performance. Despite the challenges, she has managed to attain a B grade. She is a very devoted, responsible, and hard-working girl. She hopes to get this scholarship that will help her achieve her dream of becoming an accountant. With her dream achieved, she will be able to support her family and needy students in her society.

NYANZA REGION

O. ALBERT O.

Albert was born in 2005 in a part of Kisumu mostly inhabited by poverty-stricken residents of the city. He obtained his Primary Education at a public school in Siaya County, where he garnered 405 marks in his Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) examinations in 2019. Both parents are alive and work as peasant farmers earning a mere income of Kshs 10,000 per month (about \$90). He is a bright young man, having maintained an average grade of B+ and above in form one. Albert is an active youth member of the Church of Christ in Africa. Albert desires to be a doctor when he completes his education.

Following the review of the application by the Nyanza regional church leaders, the student is recommended for a WD scholarship.



NATALIAH A. O.

Nataliah was born in 2005 in Homa Bay County. She is the 3rd born in a family of six children. Her parents are both peasant farmers, earning a paltry Kshs 15,000 per year (about \$120). Natalia sat for her Kenya Certificate of Primary Examination in 2019 and achieved 381 marks. Due to the parents' inability to settle her school fees, she rarely settles in school for studies. Her academic performance is average with a mean grade of C+. She is an active member of the Anglican Church. She desires to be a lawyer once she completes her academics.

After a very thorough investigation and interview, we recommend Nataliah for 2022 scholarship.



COAST REGION

GRACE K.

Grace was born in 2005 in Kilifi County. She is the last born in a family of 6. Three of her siblings are at the university while one is currently in form four. In her primary school, she was offered a scholarship. She did her KCPE in 2019 and she scored 401 out of the possible 500 marks. She was called to join a national girls school in Kisii County. Grace is currently in form 2. Both of her parents are still alive. Grace's father is pastor in a PEFA church with a monthly earning of Kshs 10,000.00 while her mother is a housewife. They live on a small piece of land, where they do small-scale farming, which is unreliable due to the poor weather conditions. Under this heavy burden, her father struggles to pay high school fees and university fees for three of his children, as well pay for Grace and take care of other basic needs.

While in form one, Grace did not report to school on time as her parents were struggling to raise the school fees. Later on, The local Development Fund offered her a bursary of Kshs 10,000.00 for term one. This was a blessing for the family. In term two, the local church was able to raise Kshs 20,000.00. Even though she has been supported, Grace is always sent back home for lack of fees while other students continue with classes. She is a committed member of her local PEFA church and an active youth member. The Pastor affirms that the family are strong members of the PEFA and they are among his congregation. While at school Grace, is a chairperson of the Christian Union. She is a bright and needy student, who is able to put in effort in her studies and aspires to be a lawyer. Though she endures many challenges, she is still able to retain a mean grade of B+ in school. The school principal describes Grace as very brilliant and disciplined, hardworking and outstanding. She recommends any well-wishers to offer her any financial support to enable her to attend school. The assistant chief, the pastor also recommends she be assisted since she comes from a big family with a very humble and poor background. She currently has an outstanding balance of Kshs 16,000.00 If assisted, Grace could settle down, work extra hard, and even get better grades. The Regional Committee recommended her to be among the beneficiaries of NCKK Scholarship.



JULIUS C. M.

Julius was born in 2003 in Taita Taveta County. He is the firstborn in a family of 6 and the first in his extended family to join high school. Julius's parents are both alive. His father is 40 years old while his mother is 38 years old. At primary school, he sat his KCPE in 2019 and scored 390 out of the possible 500 marks. He was privileged to get admission at a national high school where he is currently in form 2. Julius's brother is in form three, while the others are still in primary school. Life has not been easy for the family, as they try to meet their basic needs. To them, managing two meals per day is a dream. Amidst numerous challenges that he is going through, Julius has been performing excellently with an average of B, according to his report forms, as attached.

The father is a bodaboda (motorcycle taxi) operator in Mombasa earning an average of Kshs 5,000 per month while the mother is a housewife. They also rely on an eighth-acre piece of land. Julius is mostly in and out of school as he relies on his father, who is the sole breadwinner of the family. He currently has an outstanding fee balance of 18,206.00 and it is challenging for his parents who have to raise 57,060.00 yearly to keep their son in school, as well as take care of the other children's basic needs. For this reason, Julius' father is in the process of transferring him to a day school in Mombasa to ease the burden of high fees. Julius and his class teacher have not welcomed the idea and have requested that his father retain him at the national high school as he seeks to get bursaries from well-wishers and the CDF. Julius is of good character, ambitious, needy, a member of the Methodist Church in Kenya, and an active secretary of the Christian union while in school. The school principal describes him as hardworking, disciplined, and good in his academic work. He is also a very honest boy. The Church deserves any financial assistance as it has been pointed out by the church leader, headteacher, and the area chief. The regional committee recommended him for the scholarship as a special and needy case that deserves urgent attention.



NAIROBI REGION

STEPHEN K. M.

Stephen was born in 2004 and is a fifth born out of a family of 5 children.

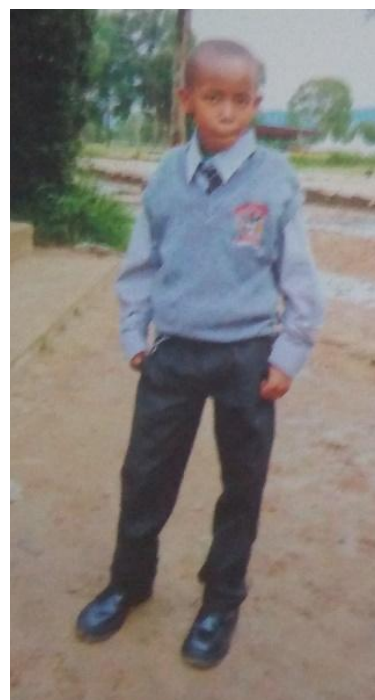
He has two older siblings; Benjamin who is at university and David who is doing CPA accounts. His other two siblings are Joseph, who is in Form 2 at high school and Neema, in class 7 of primary school.

His parents, Fred and Phoebe, are both casual laborers who have a total income of Kshs 18,000 per month. This income is not enough to pay for the fees of his twin brother, who is in high school, and his older brothers, who are in university.

Stephen scored 412 out of 500 marks on his KCPE in 2019. From this high performance, he was admitted to a national high school where he is currently in Form 2. He is a top performer in school, where he scored A- in his last exams and has maintained the same pace since he joined the school.

Stephen is a committed member of an ACK church. The pastor affirms that he is a bright and needy student from a humble background.

Stephen aspires to be a software engineer but he is challenged to achieve this dream, and he can only reach his goals through our support of his high school education. From his application letter and academic performance, the scholarship vetting committee recommended him for the scholarship support.



JOY W. M.

Joy was born in 2006 and is the 1st of born of 2 children. Her sister Florence is currently in class 8 of primary school.

Although her mother, Keziah, tries to engage in menial jobs, she has not been in good health and thus, the family has been relying on her grandmother, Florence, for income. Her grandmother is a small-scale farmer and is only able to earn Kshs 18,000 per year. Her mother has also been depending on well-wishers for upkeep and she has not been able to repay what she has borrowed as school fees for her children.

Joy scored 399 out of 500 marks on her KCPE. Even with the current challenges at home, she was successful in being admitted to secondary school where she is currently in Form 2. Her grandmother sold their plot of land in order to pay school fees for her high school entry fees at Karima Girls. She is a performer but is affected by the issues at home. Due to her financial situation, she is often sent home due to unpaid school fees balances.

She is a member of a local PCEA church where she is an active youth member. At the church, she is an active and humble lady.

Due to constantly being home for school fees, she is not able to reach her potential in her school performance. She has resolved to work hard upon being supported for school fees, as this will ease her burden in paying for her school. She aspires to be a doctor upon completion and help her family. The committee analyzed her situation and recommended her for the scholarship.



WESTERN REGION

LINDA A. O.

Linda is a female student born in 2005. She is the 3rd born in a family of six children to her parents John and Nancy. She comes from Busia County. The parents are peasant farmers and use their earnings to pay her school fees at a national high school where she is currently a Form Two student. Her learning in primary school was not easy and it took the intervention of her area Member of Parliament who enrolled her in his school so that she completed her primary education where she attained 411 out of 500 marks in KCPE. This opened the door for her to join the national high school, but with some difficulty. She remembers her mother getting some assistance from her uncle who contributed Ksh.10,000 as part of her fee when she first joined. The Busia County Women Representative gave an additional Ksh.10,000 for the same. Her joining the national high school was in God's favor and she appreciates her local church for supporting her, as well, with school fees. What worries her though is she will complete her secondary school education before the high amount as her parents are not in a position to raise the whole amount needed. She requested to be considered for the NCCK Scholarship programme so as to accomplish her dream of becoming a neurosurgeon as she continues to work hard in school.



BRIAN O. O.

Brian was born in 2005, from Bungoma County and is the eldest of three children in his family. He is currently in Form Two in high school. He is a hardworking, God-fearing boy whose parents, Andrew Omukuba and Hellen Akinyi, are casual laborers. He scored 373 marks out of 500 from primary school where he had challenges to even buy uniforms and books, and was supported by his teachers in school. He, however, envisions that through his hard work in school, he will be in a better position in the future to cater to his family and help the needy.



SOUTH RIFT REGION

BRENDAH C.

Brendah was born in 2005 in Bomet County. She is the sixth and last-born child in her family. Brendah's father passed away when she was quite young. She lives with her siblings and is supported by their unemployed mother. The family is blessed with bright children as four of Brendah's siblings are all in public universities. Brendah sat for her final KCPE in 2019 and scored impressive high marks – 388/500.

Brendah fellowships in an ACK Church. She comes from a very poor family background and, therefore, is in much need of financial support. Her unemployed single mother does not have the financial ability to educate all her children.

She is excellent in her studies and she has an average grade of A. She is a role model to her peers. The scholarship award will help her to sustain her performance and follow in the footsteps of her older siblings in the universities. The scholarship selection committee has therefore approved her for the 2022 scholarship awards.



SAMBAYA J. M.

Sambaya hails from Nakuru County. Historically, his hometown has been in a volatile area due to ethnic political skirmishes. He was born in 2006. Sambaya is the last-born child in a family of 4 children- 2 boys and 2 girls. His family is blessed with bright children; 2 of his siblings are in public universities. Sambaya sat for his KCPE in 2019, he scored 384 marks out of 500. Through donations and contributions from well-wishers, Sambaya was admitted to a public National school where he is currently Form Two. His mother succumbed to breast cancer in 2019, as he was about to sit for his KCPE exams. His father is set to retire in 2022 which will be a major strain on the family.

Sambaya is progressing well in his school performance as demonstrated by his school progress reports. He dreams of attaining the highest level of education he can reach. He is an active youth member in his church.

The selection committee recommends him for the 2022 scholarship program.

