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**Profiles of Scholarship Student
Selection 2023**

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**Summary Report
2023**

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SOUTH RIFT

WD01/23

CHRISTOPHER O.

Christopher hails from Njoro Nakuru County. He was born on 26th December 2006. He is the 7th born in a family of 7 children- 4 of his siblings died during the 2007/08 Post Elections Violence. He is an orphan as he lost his parents at a tender age of 4 years. He lives with his guardians.

He did his KCPE in 2021 at Lekos primary school and scored 363 marks. Through donations and contributions support from well-wishers, Christopher was admitted in a national school boys high school in Kitale.

Christopher is progressing well in his school performance as demonstrated by his school progress reports. His guardians rely on church fundraising to raise his school fees. Christopher is an active youth member in his Church- RCEA Sururu Church.



WD02/23

JOAN N.

Joan N. was born on 3rd June 2008, in Baringo County. She is the third born child in a family of five children- 4 girls and 1 boy all in primary schools. Joan did her final primary national examinations in 2021 in and did exemplary to score 385 marks. Her parents struggled through their financial issues and managed Joan's admission in a Kenyan national Girls High School in Kapsowar.

Joan is an active youth member in Maranatha Faith Assemblies. The family has no financial ability to educate all the five children. They rely on well-wishers and hard-to-get bursaries to raise school fees. The family is struggling to educate all the five children which make Joan fear of dropping out and early marriage.

Joan is described as humble, brilliant and hardworking by her teachers. The scholarship award will sustain her in school therefore help her to transit in his next level of education. She dreams to become a doctor.



CENTRAL REGION

WD03/23

Evans M.

Evans M. was born on 30th April 2007 in Laikipia County. He is a second born to a family of two siblings and a single mother. He is an active member of the PCEA Neema Brigade. His mother works as a casual laborer at Evans' Primary School. The little money she earns, they mostly spend on food, which is hardly enough to cater for Evans' school fees and his brother Osborn who is in high school.

Evans sat for his KCPE in 2021 where he scored 408 marks out of 500 marks. His exemplary performance secured him admission to high school in 2022. To facilitate him to join high school, well-wishers, church members, and his uncle contributed to his school fees. For his sustenance in school, the mother has been borrowing loans from banks which have been weighing her down, given her low income, and thus threatening the continuity of her son's education.

He is well-spoken of being diligent, disciplined, and hard-working. Therefore, if awarded the scholarship he will realize his dream of being a pilot. He seeks to be awarded the opportunity to help his family and the less privileged in his vicinity.



WD04/23
ABIGAEL N. K.

Abigael N. K. was born on the 26th of June 2007 in a village in the Mathira East sub-county in Nyeri county. She is the third born in a family of three children and a single mother. She is a devoted member of PCEA Kiamwangi Parish. Her mother is the sole breadwinner after the demise of her father. Through the relentless efforts and struggles of her mother and the grandparent where she resides, Abigael finalized her primary education and sat for her KCSE in 2021 where she scored 373 marks out of 500 marks. Her exemplary performance secured her admission to a girls' high school.

Her studies have been greatly affected because of being sent home to collect school fees. She is well-spoken of being a bright, intelligent, and hardworking student. If Abigael is awarded this scholarship, she will study peacefully without the anxiety of being sent home, and hence concentrate on her studies. Her dream is to become a lawyer, an opportunity she will leverage to give back to her family and society.



NAIROBI REGION

WD05/23

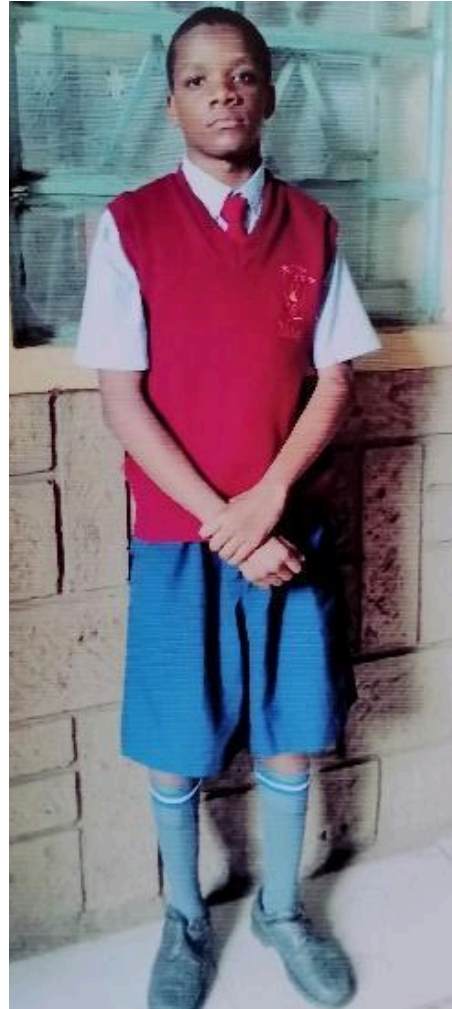
LEWIS B.

Lewis B. was born on 2nd February 2008. He is the last born in a family of three siblings. He lives in Dagoretti with his family. His two brothers are in university.

Lewis did his KCPE and topped his class scoring 415 out of 500 marks. He secured a place in high school where he is currently in form two.

His father is a pastor at a local church while her mother suffered a stroke in 2012, rendering her unable to work. His father, the sole breadwinner in the family, earns a minimum wage that is not enough to cater for the family's expenses including the mother's treatment.

While at primary school, Lewis faced school fees challenges which kept him out of class frequently. Additionally, he is disabled on his left hand which is deformed. This prevents him from participating fully in sporting activities. Despite his challenges, he managed to score exemplary well.



Lewis is a committed member of Maranatha Faith Assemblies, Siranga Church. He is an active member of the teens class. His pastor knows him well and vouched for him.

Lewis aspires to be a lawyer in future to advocate for those who cannot defend themselves as well as fighting for justice for the oppressed.

His hobby is playing and watching football. He regards the sport as exercise and a stress reliever, helping him to release negative emotions and stress.

With consideration of his excellent performance since primary school till now and the dire financial need in his family, the selection panel shortlisted him for the scholarship.

WD06/23

TABITHA W. G.

Tabitha was born on 6th February 2007 in Kiambu County. She is from a single parent family and is the only child.

Tabitha did her KCPE exam and scored 396 out of 500 marks. She was later admitted to a national girls' high school. She is currently in form two.

Her mother got a disability when she was in class seven, forcing her to stop work and go back to her parents' place where she is being cared for. Since then, Tabitha has been sent home from school severally due to school fees arrears.

Her admission to form one was enabled by the monies she received as gift for her excellent performance in KCPE.

Tabitha is a devoted member of the PCEA church in Karatina Parish where she is a member of the youth ministry. She is well known by her pastor as a determined girl.

In future, she aspires to do charity work to needy students in form of education sponsorship.

The selection panel recommended her for the scholarship having considered her good academic record since form 1 and her determination to perform better despite the financial challenges that obstruct her smooth stay in school.



COAST REGION

WD07/23

IBRAHIM J. M.

Ibrahim was born on 16th May 2007 in Tana River County. He is the 1st born out of five siblings. He is 16 years old. Ibrahim was born out of wedlock and hence the boy has never been in contact with his father. Efforts to get to know his father has never bore any fruit. The boy is raised by a single mother who is 38 years old. The other siblings are still in primary school. Ibrahim his primary education in 2021. He scored 372 Marks out of the possible 500 marks and was enrolled at boys high school. Upon his arrival at the school, he was immediately sent home back home because the mother carried Kshs 10,000 for the fees as the fee required was Kshs 26,778. The family's total income is zero.

The mother left the boy under the care of a subordinate staff working at the school (cook) as she travelled back home to source for the balance of school fees. The mother later raised the fees and the boy was taken back to class. To reduce on costs, the mother made the arrangement with the cook that has made Ibrahim stay during short holidays and during half terms to reduce on transport costs. This enables the mother to send the little money she gets to cater for fees. The boy is now able to go home once per year and this is during the December school holidays. At home Ibrahim lives with his grandmother while his mother is a casual laborer 2 hours away. Ibrahim is a strong member of the Methodist church in Kenya Singwaya synod. Regardless of the life challenges the boy has a mean grade of B plain and currently having an outstanding fee balance of Kshs 43,000.00. In many instances, Ibrahim's mother has also shown commitment as she occasionally sends fees to the school to reduce the fee balance.

Ibrahim who is accompanied by the school cook 'auntie' during the interview, he aggressively tells the panelists that he does not need pocket money as he knows that his mother cannot afford, his priority is school fees. He categorically states that school food is enough for him and that's the priority in his life. His clergy who is the CCC Chair for Tana River describes Ibrahim as God fearing and humble boy who really need financial help so that he completes his education. The area chief recommends him for assistance due to his poor family background while the school principal describing him as above average, obedient and hardworking, with lots of discipline and reproach character and also cooperating with others. The Regional Committee also recommended Ibrahim as a boy that needs to be considered for this year's scholarship to enable her continue with her education.



WD08/23

FLORENCE N.

Florence N. was born on 10th August 2006 in Kilifi County. She is the 5th born out of seven siblings. She is 17 years old. Both parents are alive, jobless but separated 6 years ago and now the children stay with their father. The father is 49 years of age. The father used to keep dairy cows and do peasant farming in his 2-acre piece of land. Due to drought, all the cows died and the father's source of income diminished. The land has become bare and his proceeds have collapsed due to the drought that consistently affects the county.

The first born completed her secondary school but she is yet to join college, The Second born is in form four while the others are still in primary school. Florence joined primary school in the year 2014 and completed her primary education in 2022. She scored 363 Marks out of the possible 500 marks and was called to join a girls high school.



Florence joined the school one month later after the father had raised some cash through selling his cows back at his home. In term two the girl was not able to join school with others as the father did not have enough fees. Florence went to school one month later and she had to copy notes from the others luckily she scored a mean grade of B+ and topped her class. Due to lack of school fees, Florence did not go back to school in term three as the father was looking for fees from CDF, banks and other well-wishers where this did not bore any fruit. The father made up his mind and went back to the Principal of Florence's high school and his local church to seek help. In January this year, a resolution to transfer Florence to another high school to join form one. The principal offered a local arrangement by allowing the girl to stay in boarding school though the parent would only pay day school fees. This arrangement was for this year and by next year the father should have secured funds to pay for boarding fees. Though the girl did not attend school in the whole of term 3, she was able to top her class with B+. A total of Kshs 8,000 has been raised by the father and the local church and paid to the school. Though the father is happy as the girl is back in school, a balance of Kshs 2,880 is to be paid for term two as well as Kshs 4,120 is yet to be paid for term three. Apart from this, the father also has the other girl who is in form

four and the other two siblings in primary school and also provide the basic needs of the family.

The chief confesses to know the family as they come from his village, from a very poor background and that the father has been consistently requesting for financial support from his office to enable his children pursue their education. The Director of the school also confirms that Florence as the best performing student, disciplined and hardworking while the church appeals for NCKK to absorb the girl in the NCKK Scholarship. The father has also made an official appeal to NCKK to get help. The regional committee recommended Florence to be among the beneficiaries of NCKK scholarship for the year 2023.

UPPER EASTERN REGION

WD09/23

BORU W. K.

Boru was born on 6th June 2008 in Isiolo County and he is an active member of the ACK congregation in Isiolo. He is the 3rd born in a family of 5 siblings and their single mother. The first born is in college, second born in a local secondary school and fourth and last born in class eight. His father abandoned the family when he was in standard three.

The mother fetches firewood for other people's home in order to make a living for the family. To date, the mother is struggling hard as she sells firewood and burning charcoal which is not enough to cater for the family. Additionally, the family faces a tough economic time because his mother takes care of five children single handedly providing for them and ensuring they stay in school. These struggles have served to motivate him to work hard and with the motivation, he studied hard and smart so that he would not let the family down.

Through the struggles he always prayed to God and worked hard. In the year 2021, he sat for KCPE exam and passed well emerging position one by scoring 394 marks, the highest mark ever recorded in his village. He was consequently, admitted to a national high school. At the high school where he has continued to perform well and in his first year, he attained an A- grade in all three terms hence showcasing his dedication to his studies.

Joining high school was like a miracle and Boru confesses that this was made possible with the help and contributions from the community. One of Boru's aunts also helped with shopping and pocket money. After a year, the community withdrew their support and this coupled with drought and famine worsened the situation. Further, his aunt's business struggles have made it difficult for her to continue supporting him. His dream is to become a surgeon and support his family and community at large. He requested the office to consider his plea and support his education. Boru was recommended by the ACK Isiolo vicar in charge, and the assistant chief for education assistance.



After a complete, investigative enquiry and interviews, Boru was recommended for NCKK Scholarship award by the Regional Committee of NCKK Upper Eastern as he is from a humble background.

WD10/23
IVY K. K.

Ivy is sixteen years old and was born on 23rd September 2006 in Meru County. She is a third (3rd) born in a family of 4 other siblings. She is an active member of AIPCA church where she engages as a Sunday School teacher. Additionally, she contributes her talents as a valued member of the worship team.

She was brought up by her single mother Irene K. who has struggled to educate her and her other siblings as well as providing for other family needs. She attended a public school at first until class four before transferring to a boarding school with the help of her uncle who supported her until she finished primary school with a good grade. She attained 385 marks out of possible 500 marks and was successfully admitted to a girls high school where she is currently studying amidst many challenges.

When Ivy joined high school, the uncle changed his mind about assisting her because his children started going to school and he could not manage his children and Ivy's needs. Her mother is often forced to ask for donations in church so as to be able to retain her in the school and provide for other family needs. Seeing her mother struggling every day to make ends meet prompted her to seek for assistance from NCKK for a sponsorship because she feared that a time could come where she completely lacked school fees which could imminently lead to dropping out of school and all her dreams and visions shuttered.

Her biggest drive is to study hard and smart in order to emerge successful and make her mum proud of her. She hopes that she will get help so as to finance her education and have a bright future.



Ivy was recommended by her pastor Rev. of AIPCA Muromutua, Senior Chief and her principal of her girls high school as a needy child that needs assistance.

After a thorough, investigative enquiry and interviews, Ivy was recommended for NCKK Scholarship award by the Regional Committee, Upper Eastern Region. The principal recommends Ivy for sponsorship citing that she is average in her studies with a potential to do better and she is a disciplined student.

NORTH RIFT REGION

WD11/23

WHITNEY J.

Hailing from a family with limited financial means, Whitney's parents earn less than five thousand per month. Yet, their financial challenges did not deter Whitney from pursuing her dreams. Her story took a significant turn when she faced the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) examination, where she showcased her potential by securing an impressive 382 marks. This achievement opened the doors to a brighter future as she earned a well-deserved spot at a girls secondary school.

Whitney's journey through secondary school has been marked by consistent effort and dedication. Despite the challenges she faces, she has displayed an unyielding commitment to her studies. In her first year at her girls secondary school, her academic journey has been defined by a series of noteworthy achievements.

Term after term, Whitney's performance has reflected her determination to excel:

- **Term One:** She kicked off her high school journey with a commendable B grade. This initial success showcased her ability to adapt to the new academic environment and set the stage for what was to come.
- **Term Two:** Building upon her achievements, Whitney maintained her momentum with a B- grade. This demonstrated her resilience and capacity to consistently perform at a high level.
- **Term Three:** Despite the challenges that often arise during a student's first year in high school, Whitney persevered and achieved a C grade. This outcome serves as a testament to her determination to overcome obstacles and continue striving for excellence.

Whitney's story is not just about grades; it's about her unwavering spirit, her unbreakable will, and her burning desire to uplift herself and her family through education. Her journey represents a beacon of hope for those who may find themselves in similar circumstances. Through her perseverance, she is proving that circumstances do not define one's potential, and with the right support, dreams can be realized.



WD12/23

SAMWEL B. M.

A beacon of hope and resilience emerges in the form of Samwel B. M.—a dedicated Form Two student whose unwavering determination is rewriting the script of his family's future. As the firstborn of a family of five, Samwel's journey encapsulates the transformative power of education amidst financial constraints.

Amidst the quiet expanse of their 0.2-acre piece of land, Samwel's parents strive tirelessly to make ends meet. Their toil yields just enough sustenance to fill their family's bellies, leaving little room for the luxuries that many take for granted. As low-income earners, the weight of education expenses for their five children rests heavily upon their shoulders.

In this backdrop of financial limitation, Samwel's devotion to education emerges as a guiding light. While his parents struggle to secure the family's basic needs, Samwel's thirst for knowledge remains unquenched. He embodies the aspiration of breaking free from the cycle of economic hardship through the power of learning.

Though the demands of his education press heavily on his family's limited resources, Samwel's dreams remain steadfast. As the eldest sibling, he is acutely aware of the educational needs of his younger brothers and sisters. Despite the odds, he clings to hope—a beacon for his family, an embodiment of ambition for his siblings.

Samwel's resolve speaks volumes of his character. In the face of adversity, he has not surrendered his dreams. The road ahead might be challenging, but Samwel envisions a future where his aspirations stand triumphant. Through education, he aims to carve a path toward his goals, a testament to the belief that determination and perseverance can overcome even the most daunting obstacles.

His journey is a reminder that dreams, no matter how grand, can be achieved when met with unwavering dedication. Samwel's story resonates not only with those who share his struggles but with anyone who believes in the transformative power of education. As he forges ahead, he carries with him the collective hope that through his success, the trajectory of his family's life can be forever changed.



LOWER EASTERN REGION

WD13/23

ALEX K. M.

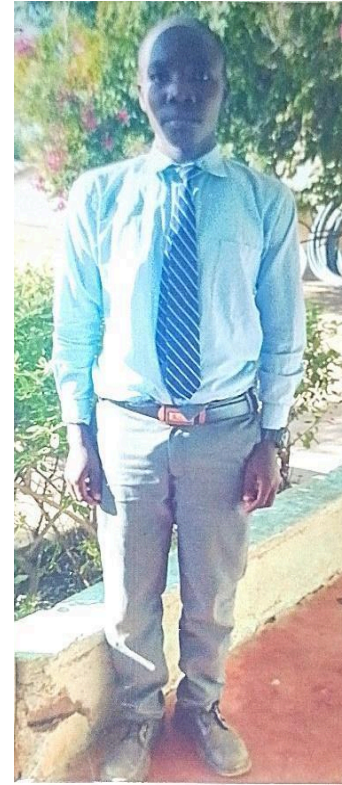
Alex was born on September 26th, 2005, in Kitui County. He is the third born among seven siblings. Currently, he is a Form 2 student at secondary school. Alex's father works as a casual laborer, while his mother is a housewife. He has a brother studying at Kenyatta University and a sister attending Masinga College. Additionally, his younger sisters, Naomi and Carol, are in grades 7 and 3, respectively, while his youngest sister, Baraka, is in PP1. The youngest of them all is Irene.

Throughout his primary education, he faced numerous challenges, including financial difficulties. His father's lack of employment meant they struggled to pay fees and provide enough food for the family. There were nights when they went to bed without any food, and they relied on borrowing a cup of flour from neighbors to cook porridge, though it was not enough. Often, they were sent home from school due to unpaid fees, sometimes staying home for an entire month.

Despite the hardships, Alex recognized the importance of hard work and perseverance. Even when sent home, he borrowed revision books from classmates to study. His efforts paid off when he excelled in his primary exams, scoring an impressive 380 marks. This achievement secured him a place at a secondary school.

Entering Form 1 posed new challenges as Alex faced ongoing fee arrears. With the help of his pastor and guardians, he managed to continue his education. He worked diligently, aware that time waits for no one. In the first term, he achieved an A grade, ranking sixth out of 376 students. The following terms saw him maintaining a strong performance with an A- and a B grade, respectively, but the financial struggles in the third term prevented him from attaining his goal of an A grade.

Currently in Form 2, Alex continues to face difficulties due to outstanding fee balances. He has been frequently sent home for fees, unsure of how to resolve the situation. However, he remains determined to work hard and achieve his dreams. He desires to support his family, help those in need, and make a difference in the lives of orphans. With support, Alex is confident that he can overcome the challenges he faces and attain his dream career of becoming a teacher. He draws strength from his faith, emphasizing his belief that all dreams are valid in Jesus' name. As a baptized and



saved young man, he finds solace in Philippians 4:6, trusting in prayer and thanksgiving as he makes his requests known to God.

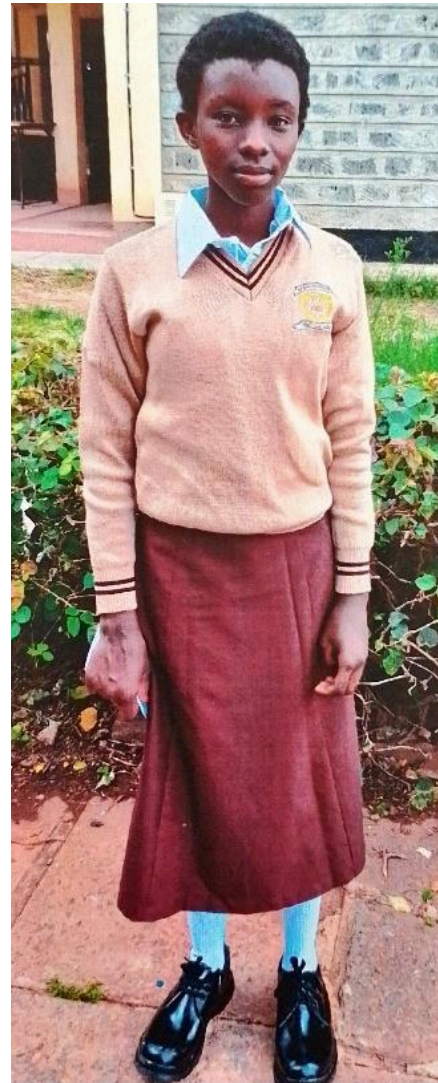
WD14/23

DEBRA S. N.

Debra is now a form 2 student at a girls secondary school. She was born on 25th November 2006 as the second born in a family of 6. Her elder sister is a candidate while the other siblings are in primary school. Both her parents are farmers in the Kajiado county, an area ravaged by drought that has devastated their livestock keeping and farming efforts. Her father is also a clergy of the Anglican Church.

At primary school, Debra developed the dream of becoming a doctor. Her parents having no formal employment often defaulted on paying her school fees, which disrupted her studies. Whenever her school fees were paid, her other siblings missed school because from the low income the parents could not afford to pay for all their fees at once. The income is hardly enough to even cater for their basic needs. Her passion and determination made her score 375 marks in KCPE despite the challenges she faced, earning her a position at an extra county girls secondary school, which she joined in 2022.

Debra's commitment in school is reflected in her end term reports in which she has maintained good grades. Her studies have however been marred with challenges and she feels discouraged having to be sent home for school fees several times since admission. Every time she is sent home for school fees she knows that it will be a struggle for her parents to raise the amount required. The time wasted in the back and forth and the stress of lack has derailed her performance a great deal. Debra feels that she is not competing on a level ground with her peers in school whose parents are able to pay their fees on time. She wants to achieve her dream career to become a doctor, to be responsible, productive and honest to serve her



local community and the country in future. She also wants to help those children who will encounter a situation like hers. If assisted in paying her school fees, she will not only achieve her dreams but also improve the welfare of her younger siblings as well as the community.

NYANZA REGION

WD15/23

ELISHA M. O.

The student is well-behaved and disciplined. He performs satisfactorily in school. At elementary school he managed to score 403 marks in the KCPE examination of 2022. He is a member of the KAG Youth Ministry. He is the firstborn of three siblings who are in primary and preschool. His parents are both alive, and they depend on farm produce to sustain themselves. Their cumulative income is 4,000/=. However, due to their small piece of land, they struggle to provide and pay for their school fees.

The church, relatives, and friends helped to clear his primary school arrears and provided some funds for him to join high school. The lack of school fees has been a constant burden for him, as he is often sent home to fetch the necessary funds. He desires to become lawyer



WD16/23

DOMTY O.

Domty was born on May 12, 2010 in Migori County. She is the second child in a family of four. Her parents are both still alive. She was able to attend a private school beginning in grade 6 thanks to sponsorship. She received 380 points in her KCPE. She attends the Maranatha Faith Assemblies Migori. Her academic credentials are impressive. Domty's father works in agriculture and supports his four children. Domty has been unable to continue her studies due to a lack of funds, aside from daily maintenance. Her ambition is to become a nurse in the future.

WESTERN REGION

WD17/23

MIRIAM S. M.

Miriam S. M. was born on the 11th of September 2007 in Vihiga County, a first born of five siblings. She did her KCPE in 2021 and scored 408 marks out of 500. She got admitted to a girls high school. She is a devoted member of African Interior Church where she is also a leader among the youth.

Her father is a retired primary school teacher and her mother a housewife with little income. The instability of their income has prompted Miriam to depend on well wishes for support to cater for her school fees.

Regardless of the challenges, Miriam is continuing to keep good grades as she works towards pursuing a course in Law in the future. She looks forward to being considered for this scholarship which would mean a pathway to realizing this dream.



WD18/23

JARMIN J. W.

Jarmin was born on 11th January 2007, a sixth born in a family of 8 siblings, in Busia County. He is a devoted member of Free Pentecostal Fellowship in Kenya. He sat for his KCSE in 2021 and scored 409 marks out of 500. This earned him a place at high school where he continues to keep up the good Grades.

Jarmin's parents are peasant farmers who in his words operates from hand to mouth and this is often made harder by the periodic flooding of river Nzoia. His mother runs a small scale green grocer whose income cannot fully cater for the family needs.



This has made Jarmin's pursuit of education blurry from lack of basic needs to lack of school fees. Often, they depend on well-wishers to come to their rescue so that he and his siblings who are in colleges and universities can continue with their education.

Despite these challenges Jarmin has continued to perform exceptionally well. He is seeking this scholarship to enable him continue with his education without interruptions and get a step closer to the future that looks so bright ahead of him.