



MOTHER AFRICA TRUST ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP (MATAS)

STUDENT SELECTION CRITERIA

INTENTION OF THE MOTHER AFRICA TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

To assist low-income and vulnerable children to receive an education that would otherwise be denied to them due to circumstances.

i. Family background

- The Mother Africa Trust Academic Scholarship (MATAS) will pay particular emphasis to orphaned and less-privileged children.
- Female children and students from low-income families will also be given preference.
- MAT will carry out an assessment and gather information from relevant stakeholders.
- The family or student must be endorsed by at least two of the following: the school authorities, the ward councillor, traditional leadership or any other registered charity organisation that operate in the area.
- Information gathered should prove the family's inability to pay fees and to meet other academic needs such as average monthly income earned by the family

ii. Qualifications

(a) Educational qualifications

- Student must have a superior scholastic ability and a willingness to learn – to be measured by academic performance and attendance
- Students with a strong academic record - based on official academic transcript or report card
- Students with academic potential – shown by endorsement, testimony or letter of recommendation from a teacher, reputable organisation such as Dembari

Wildlife Trust, National Parks, or other organizations familiar with student's academic work that may prove student scholarly potential.

(b) General character

Preference will be given to students with:

- Outstanding character
- Personal Ethics and Values
- Service to community and school (applicable to secondary, high school and tertiary students)
- Potential leadership and involvement

iii. Parent/Guardian Involvement

- The MAT will assess the potential of existing parents/guardian to contribute towards the student's education
- The parents or guardians are expected to contribute with stationery, transport, uniforms and tuck money for the sponsored student
- For scholarship recipients with parents who are unable to contribute, additional funds may be availed at the discretion of the Trust to meet required school items.

iv. Period of support and levels of support

- There are three levels of support - primary, secondary and tertiary
- Getting a scholarship at primary level does not automatically entitle you to one at the other levels. Recipients should reapply for the scholarships for higher levels of education.
- There is no room for repeating grades as a result of poor performance
- There should be a meeting to engage with the recipients after each term/semester to check progress and chat about problems, opportunities etc. This is to help head off difficulties in the long run and to keep communications flowing.



v. Age limit

Students between the age of 6 and 25 years are eligible to be recipients of the Scholarship. The age limit applies to time of study.

vi. Termination or disqualification of Scholarship

- If the student falls below average grades for two consecutive years he/she will be disqualified from receiving further assistance/scholarship
- The student will lose their qualification as a scholarship recipient in case of pregnancy, theft, sexual abuse of others, bad behavior.

vii. Funds Limit

- Tertiary level - \$1 300 per semester - this include tuition, stationery, meals and accommodation
- High School and secondary school - \$100 per term – include tuition and stationery
- Primary School - \$50 per term – include schools fees and stationery

viii. Boarding Facilities

Only for special cases that include disabled children and students who will need to relocate to other institutions to get access to facilities or programs not offered in nearby schools.

Using information gathered, and the report of the Field Operations Manager, the Trustees will collectively determine which students will be awarded MATAS.