

GARISSA YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Open: 17th January 2012 – Closing: 17th February 2012

1.0 Introduction

With the conviction that people's participation is the key to successful and sustainable development; Kenya Community Development Foundation & the Garissa Youth Project (G-Youth) aspire to increase the effective participation of people in the development of their communities. KCDF and Garissa Youth project have partnered to administer a scholarship programme dedicated to helping out-of-school youth ages 14 to 30 years from Garissa Municipality further their academic and career goals.

1.1 Purpose of the scholarship program

G-Youth's scholarship program is intended to support out-of-school youth living in Garissa Municipality to attend skills development training courses (Vocational and Professional, High School, College) and university education so they can upgrade their knowledge and skills in ways that increase their opportunities for finding jobs. Youth, who are aspiring entrepreneurs and/or are interested in starting a livelihood in Agribusiness, ICT, Livestock value chain and construction industries are strongly encouraged to apply. The overall purpose is to address challenges of employment and livelihood opportunities for youth. The grants will be made available ONLY to youth who successfully secure admissions to relevant training institutions based in Garissa Municipality. Limited opportunities will be made available for youth from Garissa living outside Garissa.

The scholarship awards shall be based on an open, transparent and competitive process and are not guaranteed or automatic. Vulnerable and orphaned youth from Garissa municipality will receive special consideration. Those already admitted to learning, vocational and training institutions within Garissa municipality are also eligible to apply for the scholarship grants subject to being able to demonstrate that they are unable to continue without help.

Scholarship awards will be between **Kshs 8,000 and Kshs 80,000** per person per course there shall be at least a maximum of 400 scholarship awards in this round to those who qualify.

1.1.1 G-Youth's Scholarship Cycle

This is the final call for G-Youth's scholarship program. This call for scholarship applications opens on January 17, 2012 and shall last continuously for **30 days – closing February 17, 2012**. It is strongly encouraged that applicants submit complete applications early to avoid last minute rush or a missed opportunity to submit their application. The applications must be submitted before the actual course calendar for

new students or very early in the study year for continuing students. No scholarships will be awarded to students who have already completed their course work or study programmes.

The G-Youth project will not be responsible for scholarship applications submitted late. Applications will be submitted only in the standard grants application forms available at the Career Resource Centre located the Kenya National Library Services (KNLS) Garissa Branch. The CRC/KNLS is located on Miraa Road, in Garissa.

1.1.2 What the scholarships grants will cover?

The grants will only cover the cost for tuition, learning materials and local examination registration. In limited and deserving cases, the scholarships will cover boarding fees associated with school attendance. Priority will be given to applicants who demonstrate own contribution to the total cost of the course they have applied and received admission to. This does not disqualify those who demonstrate genuine need for help or inability to pay for those learning costs. We take this view so that we can all aspire to show fairness and to reach as many youth in Garissa as possible.

1.1.3 What this final round of scholarships will NOT support

In this final round of scholarships, G Youth will NOT provide scholarships for:

- Driving Courses
- Academic courses outside of Garissa

1.2 Who can apply?

- a) ONLY Youth of between 14 to 30 years currently living in Garissa Municipality for the last continuous three (3) years.
- b) Those who meet the minimum requirement for admission in the courses they seek support to attend.
- c) Applicants must already be admitted to the courses and can demonstrate this by way of an admission letter from the listed institutions. The courses must not be for periods exceeding 12 months. In exceptional cases, for students who courses are more than 12 months, the G Youth Scholarship Project can only provide scholarship grants of up to a maximum Kshs 80,000 for the year the application has been requested No more.

1.3 Criteria for the selection of awardees

- a) **Academic performance:** Students who demonstrate history of consistent academic excellence. Those who attained marks not below 300 or at least a grade C will be prioritized).

- b) The student must have been admitted to a registered/accredited public or private institution (which may include local middle level colleges and universities) both in Garissa Municipality ONLY.
- c) The applicants must demonstrate need, be orphaned or destitute and demonstrate that the parents/guardian of the student is unable to cover the required school fees due to extreme poverty.
- d) Commitment to exhibiting good behaviour both before and after receiving the scholarship.
- e) Willingness to be part of a mentorship and G-Youth's Community Service Learning program.
- f) Must not be a recipient of a bursary or similar school support programme from another institution or individual.
- g) KCDF/G-Youth strongly encourages applications from female youth.

1.4 Duration of Scholarship Grants

The scholarship will ONLY be for periods not exceeding 12 months. Applicants must be able to complete their funded courses (or clearly measurable part) within 12 months from the date of the award or demonstrate their ability to raise alternative funding to do so after the scholarship award period.

1.5 How to Apply

Interested and deserving youth from Garissa Municipality can apply by collecting the standard forms from the **G-YOUTH OFFICES** in Garissa. Only properly coded and stamped forms from G Youth offices will be eligible for consideration. Application forms downloaded from the website shall be clearly marked. Applicants must confirm the authenticity of their forms before submitting them to G-Youth's Career Resource Center. KCDF/G-Youth will not take responsibility for use of the wrong application forms. The forms must be filled alongside the information note (this call for applications). Late applications will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

1.6 Mandatory Attachments

The list below shows mandatory attachments required to accompany all the applications. These attachments are **not NEGOTIABLE**. Any applications submitted without the attachments shall be deemed incomplete and will be automatically disqualified. The decision of the Scholarship Approval Committee shall be final.

1. Valid and original admission letter from the institution where you intend to pursue your course (with not less than one month period from the start date);
2. Valid (original) official course fees structure from the admitting institution;
3. Letter of recommendation from either your locational Chief or Imam/Pastor verifying the financial situation of the applying youth;

4. One page (A4) size essay from the applicant explaining and supporting their case and application (covering history of family, previous courses attended, and purpose of applying for the current course) for scholarship grants.

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**G-YOUTH
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
JANUARY 2012**
(If space is not adequate, attach additional pages)

I. Contact Information

1. Name: _____

2. Address (postal, physical) _____

3. Telephone, mobile, fax, e-mail: _____

4. Where are you from (name of location and Bulla)?

5. What type of programme have you have been admitted to:

6. Please explain why you selected this course?

7. What job or training are you doing now?

8. What do you expect to achieve after the course completion:

9. How did you find out about this course?

10. What is your scholarship requirement and amounts (in Kenya Shillings)

11. What is your family or guardian's contribution?

Total cost:

Your Contribution:

12. What degree and qualification(s) will you attain at the end of the course?

13. What is the start and end dates of your course?

Start Date:

End date:

Signed:

Applicant: _____ Date: _____
(Name & Signature)

Referee: _____ Date: _____
(Name & Signature)

Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____
(Name & Signature)

Institution of Admission: _____ Date: _____
(Institution should affix official stamp here)