

GODPARENTS FOR TANZANIA ~ Q & A

Q. How do I become a godparent?

A. Contact us by phone or email (see back panel) to advise us of your interest. Or, go to our web site and download the Sponsor Application form which can be mailed or faxed.

Q. How much is a scholarship?

A. Annual scholarships are \$420.00 per year. 100% of your scholarship contribution goes to support your student. We request but *do not require* that donors provide \$480.00 per year. The additional \$60.00 helps us with our operating expenses. Pledges may be paid in any increments that are suitable to you; we only request that the full amount be paid within 12 months.

Q. What about university students whose school fees are much higher?

A. While some sponsors provide the full cost, many university students are supported by multiple sponsors including congregations or other groups.

Q. How long is the commitment period?

A. One year. Of course, we hope sponsors will renew their commitment annually; however, that is entirely up to the sponsor.

Q. What does my scholarship provide for my student?

A. A scholarship of \$420.00 pays for school fees, uniform and shoes, exercise books and transport to and from school.

Q. Can I expect to hear from my student and get reports on his/her progress?

A. Sponsors are informed about their student's history and family circumstances. We do our best to facilitate communication between sponsors and their students, but this is sometimes problematic due to remote locations and the students' lack of access to means of communication.

Q. Are my contributions to Godparents for Tanzania tax deductible?

A. Godparents for Tanzania is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity fully approved by the IRS. All donations are tax deductible as charitable contributions to the extent of the law.

Q. How do I know that my contribution actually gets to my student?

A. Godparents for Tanzania has its own bank account in Tanzania to which funds are securely transferred. They are received by our trusted Tanzanian staff and distributed to parents or schools. A Distribution Report is completed for every transaction and carefully reviewed.

Q. How are students chosen?

A. We have specific selection criteria used by our Student Scholarship Selection Committee. Primary among the criteria are financial need and family circumstance. Our goal is to assist those poorest students who are most in need.

Q. Who can sponsor a student?

A. Anyone or any group including individuals, families, youth groups, congregations, anyone who wants to make a very big difference in the life of a Tanzanian young person who needs you.



with your
help,
we bring
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The mission of Godparents for Tanzania is to provide scholarships to students in Tanzania to enable them to lift themselves from poverty, pursue their education and contribute to their families, their communities, and their country.

Beyond primary school, there is no free public education in Tanzania as we have in our country. Students must pay school fees as well as provide their own school uniforms, shoes and exercise books.

With an average family income of \$265.00 per year, many poor families cannot afford to send their kids to school.

That is why only about 12% of children who complete primary school are able to go on to secondary school and very few to university without assistance.



WE ARE GODPARENTS...

GODPARENTS are people who promise to help a child achieve their God given potential, to bring hope to a child living in poverty, to help a child enjoy a better life and grow up to contribute to their family, community and country. At Godparents for Tanzania, we believe the most effective way to accomplish these aims is to provide a young person with the means to obtain an education.

Godparents for Tanzania seeks sponsors to provide scholarships for very poor youth living in the Kilimanjaro and Karatu regions of northern Tanzania. A scholarship offers not only the opportunity to attend school, but is seen by our students as a gift of hope that means they will not be forced to live out their lives in poverty and desperation.



Our students range in age from secondary school through university. Currently we have 127 students, most of whom are in secondary school. Seventeen of our students are at university studying medicine, wildlife management, accounting, geology, livestock management, and international relations.

Tanzania is one of the poorest developing countries in the world; but, with an education, these young people will change their lives and their country.

We invite you to be a godparent who changes the life of a young person in Tanzania and, in so doing, changes their world and ours for the better.

DISCOVERY SAFARIS

THE TRAVEL PROGRAM OF GODPARENTS FOR TANZANIA



Discovery Safaris are annual trips to visit our students and the wonderful people and places in the Mount Kilimanjaro and Karatu regions of northern Tanzania.

These two week adventures to East Africa provide travelers with an introduction to life in a developing country through visits to villages, schools, churches and health centers.

“Big Game Drives” at some of the most famous national parks in East Africa are always part of the excitement!

Complete details about upcoming trips are available on our web site.

Click on *Discovery Safaris.*

