



Jeremy Lucas Education Fund

It is really important to know that the money you donate will be used to make the biggest impact on the children who need it most.

So here are a couple of things you may want to consider.

What your money pays for...

Sponsoring a young person in Kenya for 4 years of secondary education costs approximately Kshs 420,000 (approx £3500). Costs vary depending on the school fees in the different schools. So the below figures are an average across the board.

In the first year we pay for the student's set-up costs and this includes bedding, storage trunk, school uniform, toiletries, personal effects. This amounts to around £280 per young person.

Then each year we pay for the student's school books and stationery. This amounts to around £90 per young person.

Finally, each year is divided into 3 terms. Each term we pay school fees of around £160 amounting to £480 for an academic year.

Over the 4 years we also cover transport costs from home to school, medical bills that they may incur whilst in school and any field trips they take.

We also take into account admin and mentoring costs – but these are kept to a bare minimum – so that what you donate goes directly to the young person's education.

So how much should you donate?

Please donate whatever you can and would like to – it all helps and makes a huge difference in the lives of these young people.

- £13 will pay for a storage trunk that the child can use for 4 years
- £35 will pay for bedding (mattress, blanket, sheets) for one child to use for 4 years
- £90 will pay for the books and stationery that the child will need in one year
- £100 will pay for the child transport to and from school (before/after holidays) for one whole year
- £115 will pay for the school uniforms given to the child in Year 1
- £160 will pay for one term's schooling for one child
- £280 will pay for all the child's set-up costs on starting their first year of secondary school
- £480 will pay for a whole academic year of school fees.

How we choose which child to sponsor...

In December of each year, the Ewaso Lions team put the word out that there is secondary school sponsorship available. We focus on areas that are particularly deprived and often overlooked when it comes to government or other organisational funding. These are the areas where children really need the funding to go to secondary school. We ask headteachers and teachers to put forward children who deserve to go to secondary school but are unable to pay for it.

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These children are then interviewed by 2 people from the Ewaso Lions team – one being the Student Officer. The interviewers fill in an application form – so all children are asked the same questions.

Questions include:

- *What do you want to be when you finish your education?*
- *How many children in your family attend school?*
- *Who pays for this schooling?*
- *Have you been affected by drought? How?*
- *Do you have a Mother? Father? Guardian?*
- *What is your favourite subject?*
- *What are your 3 best subjects?*
- *What are your 3 favourite hobbies/activities?*
- *What do you do in your school holidays?*
- *Why do you think you deserve this scholarship?*
- *Why do you need it?*

The students are also rated on their

- Appearance
- Confidence
- Punctuality
- Knowledge of English
- Enthusiasm
- Overall Impression

The student's Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) marks are also taken into consideration.

The application forms are then sent to Shalini Bhalla in the UK and after reviewing them, the students are discussed over a SKYPE meeting (Shalini, Shivani and the Student Officer) – and the most deserving recipients are chosen.

Once the students are chosen, Shivani Bhalla from Ewaso Lions goes in person to inform the student and the headteacher/teacher who nominated them. It is here that you really see how life-changing these opportunities are.

The students are then taken through all the paperwork:

Student Agreement – covers aspects like what academic requirements students must fulfil to continue receiving the fund for the full 4 years; their communication with the Student Officer/Mentor; how monies will be paid to them/school; communication with the Jeremy Lucas Education Fund and the sponsors.

Info about Jeremy Lucas Education Fund – how and why the fund was set up; and how monies are raised. It is important for the young people to understand the altruistic nature of the fund and why sponsors donate money.

News from the children...

Our Student Officer/Mentor looks after the students, keep an eye on their grades, give them advice when they need it and is basically the go-to-person for the students (and the schools as well) in case there are any issues that need sorting out.

Children who are sponsored by the Jeremy Lucas Education Fund write a short letter each term including stories about their school life, subjects they enjoy studying and other experiences they may have had during the term. These letters are sent to Shalini in the UK and will be shared on www.justjhood.co.uk as well as our social media. You can always request for copies of the letters.

For those of you donating £3500 (whether in one payment or over 4 years), we will assign one student to you – and all news and letters from them will be sent to you by the Student Officer. That way, you can see the progress that your sponsored student is making.

At no time are students given your personal contact details – and all correspondence is done with first names only. This is to protect both parties.

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