

# **ZAWADI AFRICA EDUCATIONAL FUND**



## **IMPORTANT TO NOTE:**

- I. Please note that submission of application for consideration under the Zawadi Educational Fund **DOES NOT** guarantee the applicant award of any scholarship or admission to any university. The Admission decision is entirely dependent on the Universities' Admission Boards.
- II. Applicants are responsible for **100%** of the costs related to this application. Zawadi Africa Educational Fund is not liable for any costs you will incur while applying for this application.
- III. Zawadi Africa **DOES NOT** charge any fees for this application neither has it contracted any company or agency or individual to undertake the application review process on its behalf. The application process for Zawadi Africa Educational Fund is handled solely by Zawadi Africa country office staff.
- IV. **ONLY** short-listed candidates will be called for an interview after the deadline of this application.

## **Application Deadline:**

**March 16th, 2026**

# PART I: APPLICATION CRITERIA AND INSTRUCTIONS:

## I. Required Qualifications:

1. A girl who has completed her secondary school examination [i.e. **The Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination (KCSE)** within the last two years: **2024/2025**]
2. Has demonstrated academic excellence (A Plain or A- KCSE scores that will be subject to verification).
3. Has demonstrated leadership qualities e.g. in school as a prefect, in the community, church, leadership in peer related activities etc.)
4. Has overcome insurmountable odds such as serious financial challenges, oppressive social-cultural practices such as early marriages and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) etc. in order to attain academic excellence.
5. Has demonstrated a clear financial need.

## II. Instructions

1. If you meet the above criteria, ensure that you complete every part of this application form. Your application will only be considered if it is completely filled.
2. Attach a **one page biography** and a **passport photo**. The biography should be **Typed/Handwritten** and highlight your family and educational background, your aspirations, financial status, as well as hobbies and activities that you have undertaken while in school and in your community.
3. Attach a 500-650 word essay on **ONLY ONE** of three topics listed on page seven.
4. Attach a copy of your high school leaving certificate, transcript and K.C.S.E result slip as well as copies of high school certificates.
5. Attach a signed recommendation letter from your class teacher or head teacher. 6. Attach a copy of your birth certificate and your National Identity Card (if you have one).
7. List up to 10 activities you have done in school. Example, captain, volleyball, secretary- Math club. Share honors you have received as well. Eg. Best students in physics.
8. Any false statements, omissions or forged documents will lead to automatic disqualification.
9. Submit a Hard Copy or Scanned Copy of this application form and the required supporting documents **on or before the deadline (March 16th, 2026)** through either:

<b>Mail :</b> To the Program Manager, Zawadi Africa Education Fund, P.O Box 59949-00200, Nairobi, Kenya	<b>Drop it at the Zawadi offices located in:</b> GemSuites State House, Room T2  StateHouse Crescent Nairobi
<b>Email:</b> Zawadi Africa Admissions zawadiafricaadmissions@gmail.com	

## PART II: APPLICANT'S DETAILS

### I. Student's Information.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Birth: 

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Postal Address: P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ County (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Alternative Tel. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

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KCSE Index Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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KCSE Grade: 

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Mock grade in High school: \_\_\_\_\_

Desired course of study in College: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a child? Yes [ ] No [ ]. If YES, how old is the child? \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Family Background.

### Mother

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone no. \_\_\_\_\_

National I.D.

Living	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deceased	<input type="checkbox"/>	(If deceased please attach a copy of death/burial certificate)				
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Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Level of education \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

### Father

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone no. \_\_\_\_\_

National I.D.

Living	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deceased	<input type="checkbox"/>	(If deceased please attach a copy of death/burial certificate)				
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Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Level of education \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

### Guardian (If not living with parents):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone no. \_\_\_\_\_

National I.D.

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Level of education \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sibling Information:

List all the applicant's brothers and sisters who are still in school and provide the details required below:

No	Full name	Age	Name of school/college	Year in school/college	Fees per year
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

### III. Family Asset Information

a)

Indicator	Father/Male Guardian	Mother/Female Guardian
Are your parents/guardians employed? (If employed, give details of job and salary/per month. <b>Attach pay slip</b> ).		
If your parents own a business, how much is the average monthly income? ( <b>attach bank statement</b> )		

b) Does your family own land? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, what is it used for? \_\_\_\_\_

c) Does your family own a car? Yes [ ] No [ ]

d) Has your family been affected by civil conflict or natural disasters such as displacement flooding, drought, fire, or famine? Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any other information you would like to provide under this section: \_\_\_\_\_

IV.

## IV. Expenses

1. How much does your family spend on the following in a month?

Expense:	Local Currency (KSH)
Rent/Mortgage	
Food	
Clothing	
Educational Expenses	
Loan Repayment	
Entertainment	

2. In the absence of our program, how would you pay for the following if granted a scholarship by a university of your choice?

Cost:	Estimated Cost	Means of Acquiring
Air ticket (one way)	\$900-1300	
Visa Fee	\$200	
SEVIS Fee	\$160	
Passport	\$50	
Books	\$300	
Pocket money	\$300	
Medical insurance	\$400	

## V: DECLARATIONS

### Applicant's Declaration

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that the information given above is true to the best of my knowledge and I am aware that giving false representation will mean that my application will not be considered and will lead to automatic disqualification. I authorize Zawadi Africa Educational Fund to obtain such additional information concerning my personal, academic and financial records needed to complete this application. I also authorize Zawadi Africa Educational Fund to communicate and release information to others who are involved in making decisions relating to my educational plans including and not limited to my previous and future schools, referees named in this form, and the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that Zawadi Africa Educational Fund reserves the right to take any necessary action it deems fit should any of the information above be found to be incorrect or falsified in any manner.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent's/Guardian's Declaration

I confirm that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and I am aware that giving false representation in this application will lead to automatic disqualification. On behalf of my child, I authorize Zawadi Africa Educational Fund to obtain additional information concerning the applicant's personal and academic records, as well as the family's financial records as needed to complete this application. I also authorize the Zawadi Africa Educational Fund to communicate and release information to others who are involved in making decisions relating to the applicant's personal and educational plans including and not limited to their previous and future schools, the family's financial background, as well as referees named in this form.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## VI: References:

### 1. Head teacher of the last secondary school you last attended:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

For how long has this reference known you, the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Referee (Religious leader) :

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For how long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and Stamp \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Referee (A person who knows you well but not a relative):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ For how long have you known the Applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

## **PART III. Essay:**

The following essay prompts are from the CommonApp 2023-2024 application period, please choose one of the below questions and write between 500-650 words on **ONLY ONE** of the following questions:

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
  2. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?
  3. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
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