



REGULATIONS
THE ELANGATA WUAS ZONAL
SECONDARY BURSARY COMPETITION

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The Elangata Wuas Zonal Secondary Bursary Competition Regulations 2010

Eligible Schools

All full primary schools within the Elangata Wuas Zone

Enchorro-Esenteu Primary School
Elangata Wuas Primary School
Sinkiraine Primary School
KMQ Primary School
Kilonito Primary School
Indupa Primary School

Awards

4 Secondary School Bursaries
1 School Improvement Bonus

The Competition

From the pupils at these eligible schools, the top two highest scoring girls and the top two highest scoring boys on this year's KCPE exam will be awarded the Secondary School Bursary. The school with the highest KCPE average on this year's exam will be awarded the School Improvement Bonus. To be clear, only 4 awards will be available. NOT four awards per school. For example, there could be a case where one school wins all four scholarships if they have the highest two marks for boys and for girls.

Note of Emphasis: Africa SOMA Inc./EWRC does not select winners.

Student Eligibility

Students at the above mentioned schools are only eligible if they have been schooling at one of these schools since St. 6. In other words, students who transfer from schools (other than the 6 eligible schools) to study at one of the eligible schools after St. 6 are NOT eligible to win a scholarship.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Africa SOMA Inc. will not discriminate on the basis of ethnicity. All students who meet the eligibility requirements are eligible irrespective of ethnicity.

Secondary School Bursaries

The amount of the Secondary School Bursary is 16,000 ksh/ per year. This is unlikely to cover the total cost of secondary school for one year. We expect that parents and the community will assist the student in meeting the rest of the costs for his/her secondary school. If a student fails to receive the necessary support and does not go to secondary school, s/he is no longer eligible for program support and has forgone the bursary. That bursary money will NOT be given to

another student. Such an incident will be noted and considered when evaluating the standing of competing schools.

Provided that we obtain enough funding, the recipient may be entitled to receive this bursary for up to four years of his/her secondary studies (amounting to a total 64,000 ksh per student). However, in order for him/ her to receive the continued support, s/he must be performing in good standing. We evaluate good standing of students through their school report cards and on a case by case basis.

The bursary money can only be used to pay the students secondary schools fees and will be wired directly to the student's secondary school upon proof of acceptance.

School Improvement Bonus

The School Improvement Bonus is an award of 10,000 ksh to the school that gets the highest overall KCPE average among the four eligible schools. This bonus money must be spent on school improvements. For example, purchasing school materials (desks, chairs), and repairing or building school infrastructure. The school staff together with the School Management Committee should be involved in deciding how best to spend this money.

Registration

Participating schools must complete the registration of their graduating class on an annual basis. We request the school staff to fill in the "Registration Letter" and "Registration Form" and to give the completed forms to Richard Mokotio. With the exception of the information on how long the student has been studying at the school, no other information in the registration will be used to evaluate a student's eligibility. For example, if a student's parents have an occupation or are wealthy in cattle, this will have no effect on their participation. This information is collected for general research purposes only. Please fill in the information as accurately as possible. The registration letter will require the signature of the head teacher. By signing this registration letter, the head teacher not only validates the participation of the school on behalf of the graduating class, but also confirms that s/he understands the rules and procedures of this program and has communicated these to teachers, participating students and their parents.

Procedures

Once the results of the KCPE are released, the headmasters of all of the eligible primary schools are responsible to make a photocopy of the original KCPE results for their school. The headmasters of the eligible schools should then organize a meeting in which they gather and compare the marks and assess the winners of both the secondary bursaries and the school improvement bonus. Together the head teachers will complete the Form "Declaration of Winners." Please note that all head teachers must sign this form to signify to us that you have agreed on the results of the competition. If there is a problem or disagreement, please state this on the form and we will respond to it.

For the school which wins the School Improvement Bonus, once you have received and spent the money we would like you to complete the Form "School Improvement Bonus: Declaration of Use", in which you account in detail what the money was spent on. Both the head teacher and

the chairman of the School Management Committee must sign this form. We encourage you to spend the money within the first four months of receiving it.

Please return all completed forms to Richard Mokotio, who will forward them to us.

Good Conduct

The Secondary School Bursary Program is designed to not only assist talented students in continuing their education but also in fostering healthy competition among students to perform well and between schools to motivate teaching. We do not expect, however, that schools will begin teaching to only their brightest candidates for the sake of obtaining the scholarships. While the possibility of winning the School Improvement Bonus provides incentives to make extra effort in improving all students' performance, we expect that everyone would continue to do so regardless of this incentive. We also hope that teachers will take pride in having their students receive the bursary award and so will make real efforts to make sure that parents and the wider community do all that they can to meet the total expenses of secondary schools.

If we find that any school has abused of this program, by either tampering with results, misusing funds, or any other form of improper conduct, we reserve the right to disqualify the school from future participation.

Financial Commitment

While we would like this program to be able to continue indefinitely, we assess our commitment on a year-to-year basis.

We wish you all the best and we hope you enjoy this program.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

Africa SOMA Inc.