



University of Burao Student Scholarship Sponsor Program

Program Introduction

The University of Burao (UB) Student Scholarship Sponsor Program was set up in September 2012 with the aim of bringing a coordinated approach to scholarship provision and to encourage an increase in the number of scholarships made available to students.

Somaliland is a developing country and consequently most students in Burao struggle to raise the necessary funds to pay for their University fees. Compared to other regional and international Universities the fees are not high. However, due to the low income of most local families, it is a struggle for many students. This results in a high drop out rate amongst students, often after completing much of their course. Furthermore, many students who complete high school and are capable of entering the University of Burao are unable to do so because of lack of means.

Students at UB have received a number of scholarships from organisations e.g. United for Somali Students (USS) and from informal groups and individuals. UB recognises the need to provide good accountability to donors and encourage a strong base from which to develop the scholarship program.

Program Objectives

The UB Scholarship Program exists with the following objectives:

- * to provide excellent young students from low-income families with an opportunity to receive higher level education
- * to develop the local community by providing career opportunities for low-income families and communities
- * to provide an opportunity for individuals, groups and organisations to support the local community in Burao
- * to connect students at University of Burao with their sponsors to provide encouragement and potential contacts for further career development
- * to empower young women by providing scholarships (at least 50% of scholarships will go towards female students)

Program Details

Scholarship Options

Donors have the opportunity to sponsor students in the following ways:

- a. Create a *group* to sponsor a number of students under the name of the group
- b. Sponsor one student or a number of students as an *individual*

All those who provide scholarships will receive periodic updates of the scholarship process and be informed of the progress of the recipient on request.

All donors will be named in the Donor section of the UB website (www.universityofburao.com) unless otherwise requested.

Scholarship Costs

Scholarships are intended to cover the full costs of a student for the duration of his/her studies. A full scholarship is \$320 per semester (two semester per academic year) according to the following breakdown :

Fee per Semester	Book Contribution per semester (5 books x \$6)	Student transport per semester	Total per semester	Total per year
\$250	\$30	\$40	\$320	\$640

Donors are requested to make full payment at the beginning of each academic semester (1st September and 1st February) or the total yearly amount at the beginning of academic year (1st September) in order to support the University administration process.

Scholarship Awards

Students will be awarded scholarships according to criteria in the following order:

1. Availability of support from family and/or relatives

Students from low-income backgrounds who struggle to pay basic fees will have priority.

2. Academic merit

Students will be prioritised based on level of previous academic results at high school or University, with higher achievers receiving first priority.

3. Attendance

If students are currently studying at University, those students with high attendance will be prioritised ahead of students with low attendance.

**** Gender***

Due to the fact that female student numbers at UB are significantly lower than male, this scholarship program aims to ensure that at least 50% of scholarships are awarded to female students.

Program Principles

The UB Student Scholarship Program will operate with the following principles:

CARING

The needs of the students, local community and the donor will be the main priority of this program. UB aims to care for individuals and in doing so, to care for the local community at large.

INCLUSIVE

The program will be open to all students who wish to apply. There will be no discrimination based on gender, age, race, clan, disability or any other discriminator. UB will consider all scholarship requests.

HOLISTIC

The program aims to focus not solely on the academic needs of the individual but on the person as a whole. As a result, the scholarship should provide extra funds to cover areas such as academic books and transport. Furthermore, the program will follow up with each student to ensure their needs are being met.

TRANSPARENT

Transparency is extremely important for both donor, recipient and the UB. The program aims to operate in a transparent basis in terms of student selection, donor processes and in all financial transactions.

DYNAMIC

The program aims to seek out new donors and make relationships with individuals, groups and scholarship organizations. The aim is to bring as many scholarships to students in UB as possible.

LONG-TERM

The program aims to create long-term relationships with donors so that recipient students will have their costs covered for the duration of their course. Furthermore, we desire the program to work professionally so that donors will be encouraged to repeat their giving in the long-term.

Contact

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