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Ashinaga Africa Initiative 2018

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Ashinaga is a Japan-based non-profit organization, which provides educational and emotional support to orphaned students. The organization has supported over 100,000 orphans in the last 54 years, and many of its graduates are actively contributing to society in a variety of fields across the world.

Program Overview

The Ashinaga Africa Initiative began in 2014. Its mission is to contribute to Sub-Saharan Africa's expanding role in global development through increasing access to higher education abroad. We support orphaned students who are committed to returning home and initiating change by providing access to full financial support to study at university abroad (equivalent to undergraduate degree), including tuition, room, travel costs and other necessary fees. The program has three stages which are described below.

1. Study Camp and Preparation Camp in Uganda

Ashinaga selects one student from each Sub-Saharan African country to participate in a Study Camp in Uganda from July to December 2018. During the Study Camp, students are assisted in their academic preparation; college application, career planning and leadership development. After completing Study Camp, the students' progress to a second camp called the Preparation Camp. This happens between May to June 2019 after students gain a place at university. Students meet again to prepare for the social, cultural, and academic differences they will discover abroad. They then proceed to university in September of 2019. All of the costs during both camps are fully covered by Ashinaga.

2. During University

The AAI helps students access full financial support to study abroad that covers the costs of tuition, accommodation, insurance, flights, and provides a monthly stipend which covers necessary academic costs and food. The support covers the first possible qualification that can be earned. The costs of a foundation or preparatory course will also be covered if required for the student to be admitted or properly prepared for their degree, or if the academic qualifications in the student's country are not recognized in the potential country of study. However, AAI does not support a second degree or master's degree. Scholars will participate in a mandatory internship in their home country or Sub-Saharan Africa and join Ashinaga's programs which promote individual growth, future careers and education in Africa. Ashinaga has regional offices to support students during studies in Japan, USA and Europe.

3. After Graduation

Scholars are required to return to Sub-Saharan Africa within 5 years after graduation. If scholars fail to return, they are required to refund the costs of the financial support they are given, in order to fund other Ashinaga scholars.

Requirements

1. Have lost one or both parents.
2. Have completed 12 years of education (primary and secondary school) within the last two years, or those who will complete 12 years of education by December 31, 2017.
3. Have citizenship and have completed/ are completing high school in one of the following countries: Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, The Gambia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
4. Were born after 1st October 1995.
5. Do not have financial means to attend university.
6. Are proficient in English.
7. Have an outstanding academic performance at secondary school level.
8. Are able to participate in the two Ashinaga preparatory programs, over the course of one year, before attending university.
9. Are willing to return home, or to Sub-Saharan Africa, and contribute to society in Sub-Saharan Africa after graduating from university.
10. Have no dependents who could interfere with academic progress.
11. Have good health and are physically able to study abroad.