**PROJECT ZAWADI MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**

**Description of Program**

Project Zawadi is a non-profit organization based in the United States and in Tanzania. Project Zawadi is dedicated partnering with communities, schools, and teachers to provide quality education for Tanzanian youth.

The ***PZ Merit Scholarship program*** is designed to provide some financial support to qualified students who have completed at least O-Level to help them continue their education. Students receive funds as a grant – these funds do not need to be repaid. Students may reapply for additional support annually as long as they continue to make appropriate educational progress.

A limited number of scholarships are available each year

**Procedure**

Students who wish to apply for the Project Zawadi Merit Scholarship must provide four items:

1. A completed application form.

2. Students must write a personal letter to explain why they are requesting a scholarship. The letter should include a description of the student’s educational, vocational, and personal goals, and how the scholarship will help them achieve those goals. This letter is the student’s chance to help the scholarship committee to know them better. It is suggested the student include details like personal experiences that provide insight into them as a person.

3. Students must include current records of their school progress.

4. Students must obtain a letter of reference from the village leadership. One additional letter from an educator may be included, but is not required.

Project Zawadi staff are available to help students complete this application process. Completed application forms should be returned to the Project Zawadi office in Nyamuswa.