

PROJECT ZAWADI MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

Description of Program

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

The **Project Zawadi Merit Scholarship program** is designed to provide financial support to qualified students who have completed at least O-Level to help them continue their education.

- Students receive funds as a grant.
- 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

Qualifications

- The applicants from A – level and O- Level need to have a pass mark of division one, division two will be considered for girls.
- Due to limited funds, this scholarship is limited to students born and raised in the Nyamuswa, Ketare, Nyamang'uta, or Salama Wards of the Bunda District.
- Students must demonstrate that their families are contributing to their education in a way that is substantial to them.
- Applicants joining secondary school from primary school must have a pass mark of grade A (for boys) and a pass mark of A or B (for girls).

Procedure

1. Students who wish to apply for the Project Zawadi Merit Scholarship must provide four items:
 - a. A completed application form.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Current records of their school progress.
 - d. A letter of reference from the village leadership. One additional letter from an educator may be included, but is not required.
2. The sponsorship team receives and reviews applications in February. Students are selected based on a number of factors, the most important being their dedication and drive.
3. The sponsorship team makes home visits in March.

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.