

“Empower one who can empower others”

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If email is not possible mail by the post to the above address no later than September 5th for January intake

Note: Applications should be submitted 4 months before intake; if the student doesn't have certain information from their desired school then all possible questions should be submitted 4 months prior to intake, and other details submitted as soon as possible.

Application for Future Students of Education is Power (Child secondary students can omit questions 8c, 10c, 11, and 12)

1. Include your name, a photo of yourself (if possible), and describe your family history and biography. (200+ words)
2. Explain why you want to continue with your education. (150+ words)
3. How will your community benefit from you gaining this education? (150+ words)
4. Explain your future goals and what you would like to do with the education. *E.g. your desired profession* (150+ words)
5. How will you be able to help ensure environmental sustainability with your future plans?
Why do you think environmental sustainability important? (150+ words)
6. Please explain in detail any volunteer experience you have. Will you continue/start to volunteer – if so doing what? Why do you think it is important to volunteer in your community and at large?
7. Why would it not be possible for you to gain an education without outside help to pay towards your school fees?
8. a) Is your immediate or extended family able to contribute anything to your educational costs?
b) Are you able to obtain a student loan, scholarship, or subsidy from any government or agency? If not then explain why not?
c) How have you been paying for your living expenses up to the present time?
d) Do you have any savings to contribute to your education costs?
9. **Provide references. Please include the contact information of at least two reputable community figures such as a teacher, principle, work or volunteer supervisor whom you have worked with.**
10. An acceptance letter from the school and program you wish to attend. (For secondary students please give details of the specific secondary school you are eligible to attend and also **PROVIDE MOST RECENT REPORT CARD**)
b) An official fee structure for your program from the school you wish to attend.
c) A course outline of your specific program listing all the courses in your program.
d) If you wish to have assistance with other expenses such as accommodation, food, transport, and school materials please provide a detailed budget for the **costs occurred in one year**. (EIP expects students to contribute to their education so normally EIP only pays for school fees except when special circumstances are demonstrated to EIP – please explain if necessary)
11. Please include your resume which must include the following information: your full name, address, contact, age, gender, where you are from, past work and volunteer experience.
12. What activities do you plan to do to raise funds to contribute to your costs? Will you be working?

More about *Education is Power* and what type of students we are looking for:

Our Mission: To develop the potential in underprivileged young East Africans who are committed to the sustainable development and natural conservation of Africa.

Education is Power student's post-secondary programs are to correlate with sustainable development in some way and the student must be able to demonstrate this.

Sustainable Development Criteria:

- Meets the needs of good living conditions for the present, without compromising the needs for future generations
- Places ecological importance over economic gain
- Contributes to a non-corrupt political system that can mobilize their citizens, allow for competing political parties, regular and free elections, free press and association, and an acknowledgement by the citizens that politics is a mechanism for solving problems
- Increases national and regional self-reliance and self-determination, and reduces dependency on foreign aid or goods and natural resources from faraway places
- Provides educational opportunities that will increase people's potential and reduce rapid population growth
- Helps disadvantaged people in the community
- Inspires the community to actively participate towards achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goals:

Millennium Development Goals:

- Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education
- Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women
- Goal 4: Reduce child mortality
- Goal 5: Improve maternal health
- Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability
- Goal 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development

After looking at the above criteria we invite you to choose a post-secondary program that will lead you in a successful career path and allow you to fulfill the mission of *Education is Power*.

A final note:

Upon acceptance into *Education is Power* the student must agree to participate in evaluations by *Education is Power* committee members during and after the student's studies, as well as provide updates to sponsors twice per year. The student must also agree to support *Education is Power* during and after his or her studies. This will be done in ways such as the students own fundraising initiatives, and the time they donate to *Education is Power* with mentorship for younger students and other related activities. As well, once the student starts working, we may negotiate a percentage that comes out of the student's salary to help pay back the amount *Education is Power* donated to that particular student. This will be used only to help future *Education is Power* students.