

100-YEAR VISION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2016

Supporting the Higher Education of Orphaned Students from Sub-Saharan Africa

Ashinaga is a Japan-based nonprofit organization, which provides educational and emotional support to orphaned students. The organization has supported over 95,000 orphans in the last 45 years, and many of its graduates are actively contributing to society in a variety of fields across the world.

The 100 Year-Vision scholarship program began in 2014. It provides talented orphaned students from 35 Sub-Saharan African countries with the opportunity to apply for and to potentially pursue a higher education (for the level of undergraduate degree) at the world's leading universities outside Africa. Through education, Ashinaga hopes to empower its students to make the change that they wish to see in their communities, countries, and Africa as a whole.

1. Requirement

The application is open to those who:

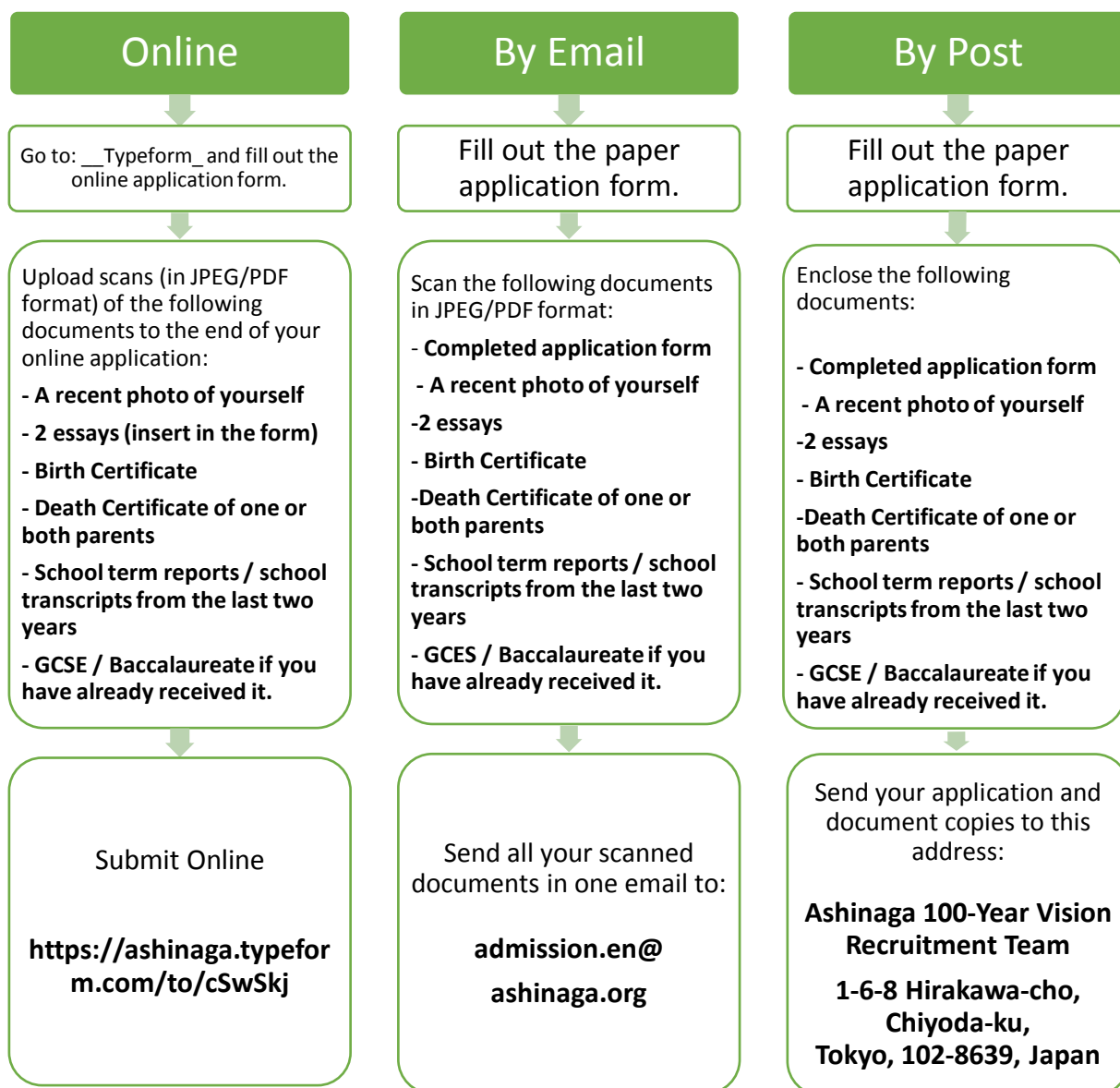
1. Have lost one or both parents (and can submit an official document proving this)
2. Have completed 12 years of education (primary and secondary school) within the last two years, or those who will complete 12 years of education by December 31, 2015. **Vocational certificates not accepted.**
3. Have citizenship and completed/completing high school in one of the following countries; Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Ghana, Cote 'Ivoire, Gabon, Benin, Mozambique, Senegal, Togo, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Angola, Djibouti, Sudan, Burundi, Botswana, Madagascar, South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Mauritius, Cameroon, DR Congo, Somalia, Nigeria, Gambia, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde
4. Are below 22 years old at the time of this application
5. Do not have the financial means to attend university
6. Are proficient in either English, French or Portuguese
7. Have an outstanding academic performance at school
8. Are able to participate in the two Ashinaga preparatory programs before attending university
9. Are willing to contribute to society in Africa after graduating from university
10. Have no dependents who could interfere with academic progress
11. Be in good condition of health and capable of studying abroad

2. Application documents to submit

1. Application forms with 1 photo (page 5 to 7 only)
2. 2 essays
3. Copy of term reports / school transcripts (the last 2 years)
4. Copy of General Certificate of Secondary Education(GCSE) / Baccalaureate
5. Copy of death certificate of deceased parent(s) or alternative official document
6. Copy of birth certificate
7. Recommendation letter from a principal or a class teacher

HOW TO APPLY

There are three ways to apply for 100-Year Vision Scholarship. Please choose one method and submit all the correct documents before the deadline.



PLEASE NOTE: All documents must be submitted in English, French, or Portuguese. If it is not in one of these three languages, candidates must have the documents translated. Use western calendar to fill in the application.

Final deadline: January 26th, 2016**

**We'll only accept "Copy of General Certificate of Secondary Education", if students are graduating in 2015. Please send the copy via email as soon as you receive the result (At latest by March 31, 2016).

Successful candidates will be contacted via email in late-March 2016. They will be invited to attend an interview in their home country, which will take place in April 2016.

OUTLINE OF 100-YEAR VISION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2016

Goal:

The 100-Year Vision is sponsored and implemented by Ashinaga. The project selects one orphaned student from 49 Sub-Saharan African countries every year to receive higher education outside of Africa, in countries such as Japan, US, UK etc. It aims to nurture future leaders who will contribute to the development of their own countries upon their return, not long after completion of their study program abroad.

Application:

Students are required to complete an application and submit copies of all academic and identity documents. Choosing language of studies is very important; French and Portuguese speaking students can also apply to study in English, but please be aware the subsequent selection will be conducted in the language students have indicated they want to study in. These students must therefore be able to communicate well in English if they wish to succeed.

1st Selection (Document Screening):

Ashinaga screens the applications and selects five students from each country to interview in person. The result will be communicated to you by email before the end of March, 2016.

2nd Selection (Writing exam and Interview):

Ashinaga conducts individual interviews with the five students from each country to better understand their academic goals, need for the scholarship and hopes for the future of Africa. Students must also complete an exam (Language, Critical reading and Math) to demonstrate their academic level. Exams and interviews will be in the language students chose to study in (English, French or Portuguese). Students will be asked desired subject choice (major) and country of studies at this stage. Students must bring all original academic documents and identity documents to the interview. Failure to do so may result in dismissal.

Candidate Selection:

Ashinaga selects one student per country to become the candidate to join the preparation study camp in Uganda (English/Portuguese) or Senegal (French). Successful students will receive an acceptance form in early May. Once students have submitted the signed acceptance form, Ashinaga will assist these students to attend the study camps.

1st Camp (“Study Camp”) in Uganda / Senegal:

During the Study Camp, students are assisted in their application to university and academic preparation. There are two study camps; the Uganda Study Camp (for students who wish to continue their higher education in English and Portuguese) is in Nansana, Uganda and runs from early July to Mid-December. The Senegal Study Camp (for students who wish to continue their higher education in French) is in Dakar, Senegal and runs from early July to early December. All the costs during the camp including flights, food, accommodation and university applications will be covered by Ashinaga. The Study Camp is run by Ashinaga staff members. These staff members work with the students to explore career opportunities, possible majors, and potential universities. They also teach classes which are customized according to the students’ needs in order to be properly prepared for study at the university level. They will also conduct classes relating to Global Awareness, computer skills, and communication skills. Additional programs may include volunteering opportunities, guest speakers and workshops, and – depending on university admission requirements – preparation for standardized entrance exams which they will take while attending the Study Camp.

2nd Camp (“Reunion Camp”) in Uganda:

During the Reunion Camp, students meet again to prepare themselves for the social, cultural, and academic differences they will discover when moving abroad. The camp is held in Nansana, Uganda from mid-May to July, depending on Visa application to the country of study. New students are able to see the previous year group of 100 YV scholars at the camp.

100-Year Vision Scholarship:

<Coverage>

The 100-Year Vision Scholarship provides a full scholarship that covers the cost of tuition, accommodation (during the terms and vacation), insurance, flight, and provides monthly stipend which covers food and necessary academic costs. The scholarship covers the first possible diploma that can be earned in the student’s study of choice. The costs of a foundation or preparatory course will also be covered if required by the student to be admitted or properly prepared for their degree program, or academic qualifications in students’ country are not recognized in the potential country of study. The scholarship does not cover a second degree or Master’s degree unless it is the first possible diploma that can be obtained in the student’s subject of choice. Ashinaga does not provide students with flights home during the course of their studies.

Important Note:

<Becoming a scholar>

Students will only officially become the recipients of the “100-Year Vision Scholarship” after receiving admission from university and a visa from the potential country of study. Please know that joining the study camp does NOT guarantee the scholarship. University admission and visa application are the student’s own responsibility, but Ashinaga will do its best to support students in both.

<Choosing a major>

Students are required to select initial choice at the time of 2nd selection, and final decision will be made during the course of study camp through consultation with Ashinaga. Students are encouraged to select a major based on their strengths in high school as well as their future career goals but also with the goal of “giving back” to their home country. Students are advised that they should not choose a major that will lead to a career that does not interest them personally. Ashinaga will provide support and counseling to assist students in finding ways to give back to their country or community. Those who want to study medicine and engineering, please know Ashinaga requires students to have top scores in Math and Science related subjects at GCSE/ Baccalaureate.

※ Ashinaga takes students’ goals and preferences into consideration, but withholds the right to make the final decision with regards to selection of major.

<Choosing a country>

Students are required to select initial choice at the time of 2nd selection, and final decision will be made during the course of study camp through consultation with Ashinaga. Successful students will be sent to either the Study Camp in Uganda or Senegal based on their application and confirmation of the language they will study in. Ashinaga hopes to send students to universities across the world, and students will not go to the same country. Ashinaga will work with students to determine which countries are appropriate for their intended major as well as the likelihood they will be accepted based on their high school diploma and exams. **※ Ashinaga takes students’ goals and preferences into consideration, but withholds the right to make the final decision with regards to selection of country.**

100-YEAR VISION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2016**Application Form (3 pages)****COVER PAGE** (Please complete in CAPITAL letters in black or blue ink)

Family Name: _____

First/Given Name(s): _____

Date of Birth (e.g., 10 August 1990): _____

Sex (Circle): Male Female Age: _____

Home (Physical) Address: _____

Mailing (Postal) Address: _____

Postal Code (if possible): _____

Nationality: _____ E-mail: _____

Facebook ID: _____ Whatsapp ID: _____

Phone Number 1: _____ (Self / Guardian / other (_____))

Phone Number 2: _____ (Self / Guardian / other (_____))

Do you have any past or current health issues? Please specify: _____

Family Information:Father: alive deceased unknown

If deceased, state year and cause of death, if known: _____

Mother: alive deceased unknown

If deceased, state year and cause of death, if known _____

My guardian is my: Mother Father Other (_____)

Guardian Name: _____ Telephone (mobile): _____

Occupation: _____ Monthly income: _____

Number of family members in your household: _____

Highest level of education reached by a family member: _____

Does anyone else support you other than your guardian? If yes, please specify: _____
_____Attach
Photo
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ACADEMIC HISTORY

Name: _____

Current Status:

Completing High School in 2015 / Enrolled in a university / Others(Specify): _____

Educational background and qualifications, starting with the most recent:

Year (yyyy – yyyy)	School or Institution	Qualifications

Current academic position/class rank in your class at school or the most recent school:

Top 5% Top 10% Top 25% Top 50% Below 50%

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native language: _____

Other language(s): Evaluate your ability as “Excellent”, “Good” or “Fair” in the blank space below:

	Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking
1.				
2.				
3.				

If you have taken any language proficiency tests, please note the name and official score below.

Name of Exam: _____ score: _____

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LANGUAGE

Please choose the language you would like to study in (circle one). If you choose a non-native language, please be aware we require you to prove your language ability through an exam and an interview.

English / French / Portuguese

ESSAY

Name: _____

Please type/write using a separate sheet of paper. If you choose to handwrite your answer, please write in print and with black ink. Failure to write legibly may affect your application.

Essay 1: Please tell us why you wish to study abroad. In addition, please tell us what you wish to study at university, and what you wish to do back in Africa after graduating from university. (maximum 500 words)

Essay 2: Please tell us about your experience losing your parent(s). What challenges have you faced since this experience and how have you overcome them? (maximum 500 words)

How did you learn about our program?

- Japanese Embassy
 Ashinaga Website
 Social Media
 Family/Friends
 School (Please specify: _____)
 Other (_____)

AGREEMENT

To complete the application, please check the boxes and sign below:

- I have read and fully understand the outline of the 100-Year Vision Scholarship Program 2016 and fully agree to participate in all mentioned activities.

 I hereby declare that the statements I have made on this form are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Print Full Name of Applicant	Signature of Applicant	Date
Print Full Name of Guardian	Signature of Guardian*	Date

* Please note that the signature of your guardian is required to complete the application.