

Arlington Academy of Hope Wamundu Secondary Scholarship Fund



The AAH Board of Directors met in October 2005 and confronted the issue of how to help children after they finish primary school at the Arlington Academy of Hope.

The Board agreed that without continued support students graduating from the AAH primary school would return to the fields and their dreams of education would end.

The Board committed to developing a program to support graduating AAH students through the next phase of their learning— the secondary school years.

The Plan

- Our goal is to develop a secondary school program managed by AAH that provides financial support and oversight for AAH children going on to secondary school. In order to achieve this goal we developed a scholarship fund to cover the costs to attend secondary school.
- Children who qualify will have the opportunity to attend secondary schools vetted by AAH and receive financial support to cover tuition, room and board (if applicable), textbooks, school supplies, uniforms and some other expenses.
- To help meet this funding goal we will invite Child Sponsors whose children go on to secondary school to continue their sponsorship and allocate their contributions to the scholarship fund. Parents will continue to pay approximately \$55 a year if the child is sponsored and \$150 per year if the child is un-sponsored.
- Children will qualify for this program by scoring well on the Primary Leaving Exams which in Uganda is the determining factor in where or whether a child can go to secondary school. Children with a perfect score on the PLE receive a full scholarship to reward their excellent work.
- To ensure the entire community benefits from the investment in the future of their sons and daughters, all recipients of scholarship funding will be expected to return to the village and perform community service under the guidance of AAH.



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The Inspiration



We're very excited about this program and believe it's an achievable way – without detracting from our focus on the AAH primary school – to encourage children to reach for the stars and get an education that prepares them for adult lives that contribute to the progress of their communities.

The Board of Directors unanimously approved the proposal on February 1, 2006 and named the program the **Wamundu Secondary Scholarship Fund**.

Akisoferi Wamundu is the father of John Wanda, one of AAH's principal founders. He helped give John a brighter future by ensuring his education from a young age.

Honoring his name in this way recognizes the critical role he played, and continues to play, in making the dream of a quality, well-rounded education a reality for hundreds of children in Bumwalukani Village, Uganda.

Donate: Help the Children of AAH Reach Their Full Potential

- **\$1,000 covers the cost of a full secondary scholarship for one year** (tuition, room and board, uniform, books and other school fees). Donations of all amounts help and are gratefully accepted.
- **Mail your contribution to:** AAH;
Wamundu Secondary Scholarship Fund;
P.O. Box 7694; Arlington, VA 22207
- **Write “Wamundu Fund” on the memo line of your check.**
- **All contributions are tax deductible** to the fullest extent allowed by law.

