

Wanafunzi Dream Team

QUESTION & ANSWER



The Wanafunzi Dream Team campaign is an annual fundraising drive to secure critical post-secondary education funds for HHFL's high school graduates in first rate institutions across Nairobi.

What does “Wanafunzi” mean? “Wanafunzi” means “student” in Swahili! The name was conceived by 2014's HHFL high school graduates and the campaign logo was designed by HHFL's John Mutahi, a University student studying Art & Design!

Who is the Wanafunzi Dream Team? The Wanafunzi Dream Team consists of HHFL high school graduates with big dreams of going to College and University. Every year, the Wanafunzi Dream Team members and fundraising goals will change accordingly.

What is our 2014 fundraising goal? In 2014, there are 15 Wanafunzis because there are 15 graduates! This translates into a 2014 fundraising goal of \$40,000 to support an average education cost of \$2,700 per year, per student. If we can achieve this goal, every 2014 Wanafunzi will fulfill their dream of attending a first rate post-secondary institution to pursue their chosen career.

Why is post-secondary education so important? Currently, a staggering 8 out of 10 Kenyan youth are unemployed! Many are high school grads who cannot pursue post-secondary education due to cost. These youth will remain largely unemployed because they do not possess any real skills. Post-secondary education is **critical** to ensure that HHFL's youth gain relevant, marketable skills that will increase their chances of gaining meaningful employment in a competitive market and ultimately, living a productive life out of poverty.

What happens if members of the Wanafunzi Dream Team don't get funding? Unfunded members of the Wanafunzi Dream Team simply cannot go to College and University until funding is secured. Until such time, they are strongly encouraged to find work in order to help save for their education. If they manage to find a job, they often end up working full or part-time throughout college.

How do I know that my contribution will make a difference? We are deeply involved in and committed to the youth's decision making process and school affairs. We ensure that HHFL's youth choose relevant career tracks and identify the best schools to pursue their studies. This, in turn, positions them optimally for success in life. Furthermore, where possible, we help the kids secure quality internships and work placements.

Your contribution, big or small, will improve the chances of career and employment success for HHFL's Wanafunzi Dream Team!

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