

Hillary Kiendi

Key Statistics

Age: 19

Dream Diploma: Aeronautical Engineering

Dream College: Nairobi Aviation College

Duration: 3 years

Cost per year : \$4,500

“I dream of becoming an aeronautical engineer!”

Rookie Record

Hillary, tell us a little bit about yourself! “I used to live in Nairobi’s Kibera slums with my mother and two other siblings until 2009 when I finished Grade 8. My mom was unable to pay my high school fees and so I decided to seek help from HHF who agreed to support me through high school. During my time at HHFL, I have learned that I am a bright and hardworking student even though I can give in to anger outbursts. I enjoy a good game of chess and reading adventure novels.”

What does going to College or University mean to you? “Going to college to me means happiness because I know am on the right path to success and that is what have always dreamt of. Success in life to me doesn’t only mean money, cars, houses and luxury although I must admit its part of it but most important is being of use to the society. Being part of the team that always makes things happen always makes me happy. With a skill which I will acquire in college will make my fantasies come true, at least I hope so.”

What inspired you to choose your dream career path? “First it’s the passion, what I feel like when I see airplanes and helicopters flying around. I want to know what they are made of and why they don’t obey the law of gravity. Then other factors like job market and technicality of the job also count. I am a thinker/doer so this career suits me best.”

Why do you deserve this opportunity? “I have an enormous fire in my belly, it’s not even funny. Every day I wake up and I feel so motivated to break through and break away toward a better future. I believe in myself and I believe that I will succeed. I just need someone to give me a chance so I can make it happen!”

If you could walk in someone else’s shoes for one day, who would you choose and why? “If I were to walk in anyone’s shoes I would try Goliath’s shoes just to feel how heavy they were...Ha ha, just kidding. I would choose Bill Gates to feel how transforming the world and being successful feels like at least for a day!”

