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Ashinaga Africa Initiative 2018

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 12:00PM GMT SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2018

Ashinaga is a Japan-based non-profit organization, which provides educational and emotional support to orphaned students. The organization has supported over 100,000 orphans in the last 54 years, and many of its graduates are actively contributing to society in a variety of fields across the world.

Program Overview

The Ashinaga Africa Initiative began in 2014. Its mission is to contribute to Sub-Saharan Africa's expanding role in global development through increasing access to higher education abroad. We support orphaned students who are committed to returning home and initiating change by providing access to full financial support to study at university abroad (equivalent to undergraduate degree), including tuition, room, travel costs and other necessary fees. The program has three stages which are described below.

1. Study Camp and Preparation Camp in Uganda

Ashinaga selects one student from each Sub-Saharan African country to participate in a Study Camp in Uganda from July to December 2018. During the Study Camp, students are assisted in their academic preparation; college application, career planning and leadership development. After completing Study Camp, the students' progress to a second camp called the Preparation Camp. This happens between May to June 2019 after students gain a place at university. Students meet again to prepare for the social, cultural, and academic differences they will discover abroad. They then proceed to university in September of 2019. All of the costs during both camps are fully covered by Ashinaga.

2. During University

The AAI helps students access full financial support to study abroad that covers the costs of tuition, accommodation, insurance, flights, and provides a monthly stipend which covers necessary academic costs and food. The support covers the first possible qualification that can be earned. The costs of a foundation or preparatory course will also be covered if required for the student to be admitted or properly prepared for their degree, or if the academic qualifications in the student's country are not recognized in the potential country of study. However, AAI does not support a second degree or master's degree. Scholars will participate in a mandatory internship in their home country or Sub-Saharan Africa and join Ashinaga's programs which promote individual growth, future careers and education in Africa. Ashinaga has regional offices to support students during studies in Japan, USA and Europe.

3. After Graduation

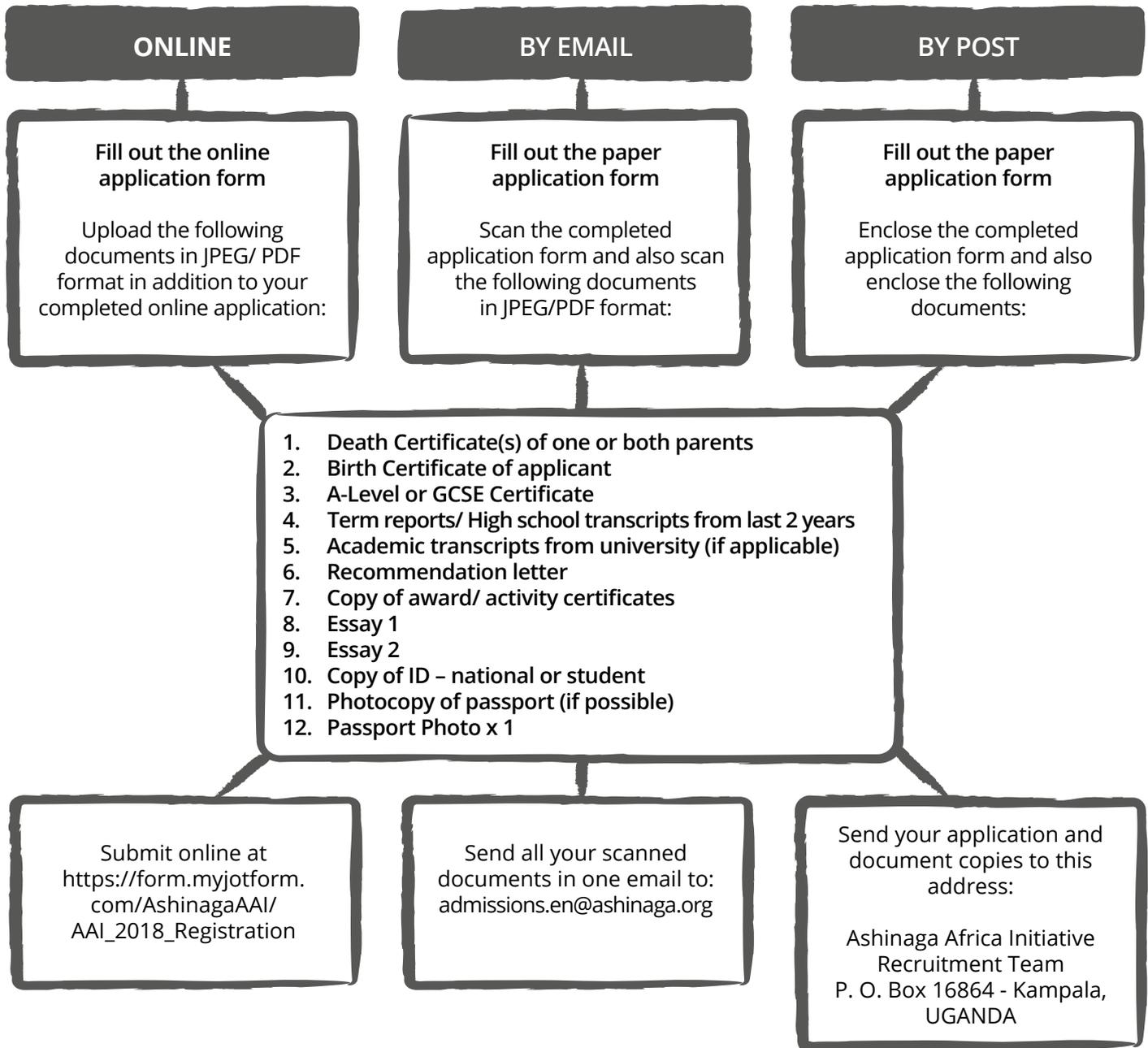
Scholars are required to return to Sub-Saharan Africa within 5 years after graduation. If scholars fail to return, they are required to refund the costs of the financial support they are given, in order to fund other Ashinaga scholars.

Requirements

1. Have lost one or both parents.
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, 2017.
3. Have citizenship and have completed/ are completing high school in one of the following countries: Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, The Gambia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
4. Were born after 1st October 1995.
5. Do not have financial means to attend university.
6. Are proficient in English.
7. Have an outstanding academic performance at secondary school level.
8. Are able to participate in the two Ashinaga preparatory programs, over the course of one year, before attending university.
9. Are willing to return home, or to Sub-Saharan Africa, and contribute to society in Sub-Saharan Africa after graduating from university.
10. Have no dependents who could interfere with academic progress.
11. Have good health and are physically able to study abroad.

How to Apply

There are three ways to apply for the Ashinaga Africa Initiative. Please choose one method and submit all the correct documents before the deadline. We strongly recommend applying either online or by email. If you choose to apply by post please ensure you send your application by February 1st to guarantee it arrives on time.



Final deadline:

12:00PM GMT on Sunday February 25th 2018**

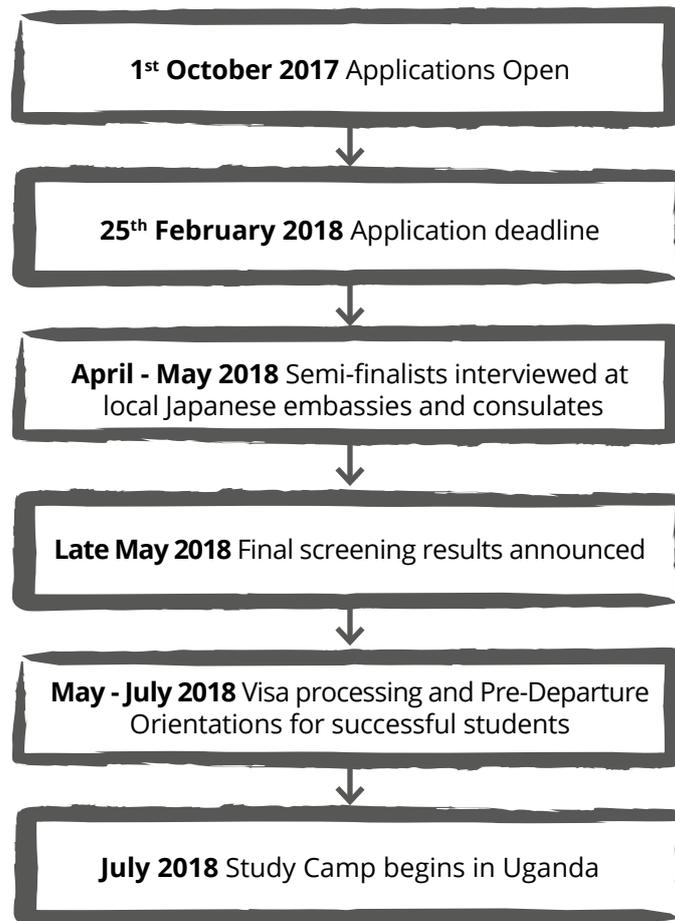
** For students graduating in 2017, we will accept your 'Copy of General Certificate of Secondary Education' until March 31, 2018. Please send the copy via email as soon as you receive the result.

Please also note that ONLY successful candidates will be contacted via email to be invited to attend an interview in their home country.

This application process is free, and anyone asking for payment at any stage is doing so against the will of Ashinaga.

Important Notes

2018 ASHINAGA AFRICA INITIATIVE APPLICATION PROCESS TIMELINE



Selection:

Ashinaga screens the applications and selects finalists from each country to interview in person. Only successful candidates will be informed about interviews by email before the end of March 2018. Ashinaga then conducts individual interviews and sets an examination to better understand applicants' academic abilities and career goals in Sub-Saharan Africa. Students **MUST BRING ALL** original academic documents and identity documents to the interview. Failure to do so may result in dismissal.

Becoming a scholar

Students will only officially become the scholars of the "Ashinaga Africa Initiative" after receiving admission from university and a visa from the potential country of study. Please know that joining the study camp does NOT guarantee admission to university and visa acceptance. University and visa applications are the student's own responsibility, but Ashinaga will do its best to support students in both.

Choosing a subject/country/university

Ashinaga takes students' goals and preferences into consideration, but withholds the right to make the final decision with regards to selection of subject, country and university.

Students are able to express their initial subject choice at the time of interview, and a final decision will be made during the course of the Study Camp through consultation with Ashinaga. Scholars are encouraged to apply to the universities that Ashinaga has an existing relationship with; therefore, it is not possible for students to choose universities themselves. Please note Ashinaga does NOT support candidates for medical (doctor) degrees, although it does support three-or four-year B.A.s related to medicine, such as biomedicine. In addition, candidates wishing to study engineering should be aware that we will require particularly strong high school grades for a successful application to Ashinaga.

Name: _____

Please explain the educational and financial status of your siblings: _____

Does anyone else support you other than your guardian? Please specify: _____

Do you support your family in any way? Please specify: _____

Academic History

When did you or will you graduate from secondary school? : 2015 2016 2017

Please list your educational background and qualifications, starting with the most recent:

Date	School / Institution	Qualification
<i>e.g. 2015 -2016</i>	<i>Alliance High School</i>	<i>General Certificate of Secondary Education</i>

What type of school did you attend?: Government / Public Private

What was the cost of your school for each year? _____

Have you ever received a scholarship or financial assistance, to support your education (if yes please tick the correct box)?

Independent Organization Scholarship Government Scholarship

Other (e.g. family or community support)

Please specify (including name of scholarship or family member): _____

High School Exam Results:

Name of exam			
Exam ID number			
Date of Exam	day	/ month	/ year
Date results were given	day	/ month	/ year
If you cannot submit by the deadline, please specify when you can send your results	day	/ month	/ year

Name: _____

Please write the name of each subject and the grade that you received. You should only list the number of subjects that you studied. It is not necessary to fill every box. Please format your grade entry in either letter or number format:

Subject e.g. Mathematics

Grade e.g. B.

Subject 1:	Grade:
Subject 2:	Grade:
Subject 3:	Grade:
Subject 4:	Grade:
Subject 5:	Grade:
Subject 6:	Grade:
Subject 7:	Grade:
Subject 8:	Grade:
Subject 9:	Grade:
Subject 10:	Grade:
Overall Score (if applicable):	

If you have already graduated from secondary school, please account for your activities (university, work or otherwise) since graduation from secondary school:

Date	Activity

Language Skills

Native language: _____

Please list all the languages that you are proficient in: _____

If you have taken a language proficiency test, please note the name and official score below:

Name of Exam: _____ Score: _____ Date of Exam _____

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Activities, Jobs and Commitments

Please list and briefly describe three activities, jobs and commitments. You should choose those that you think are most relevant to your application (starting with the most recent). If you have won any awards for the activities, jobs or commitments listed, please write them down:

Date	Activity / Award

Which course/ degree do you wish to study at university abroad? (Please list top three choices)

E.g. Environmental Science, Geography, Geology etc.

1. _____ 2. _____
 3. _____

Essays

Please type/write using a separate sheet of paper. If you choose to handwrite your answer, please write in print and with black ink. No pencil is acceptable. Please write a **Maximum of 500 words** for each essay.

ESSAY 1

Please describe how you grew up and experienced losing your parent(s). What challenges have you faced since the loss of your parent(s), and what have you done to overcome them? Please write in detail, especially on the actions you took to continue and further your education.

ESSAY 2

Please describe the goals you wish to achieve after graduating from university abroad. Outline how the skills and knowledge you gain from a university degree would help you reach your goals when you return to Sub-Saharan Africa.

Agreement

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

- I have read and fully understand the outline of the Africa Initiative 2018 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 tick if you enclosed		Documents	How to obtain the forms
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Application Form (all pages)	Download from the website / Facebook
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Death certificate	Ask government institution
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Birth certificate	Ask government institution
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	A-level or GCSE certificate and any further high school or university qualifications	Ask university/ education institution
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Term reports / High School transcript for last 2 years	Ask your High School Teacher
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Academic transcript /registration form showing subjects taking currently at university/ education institution after secondary school. (If applicable)	Ask university/ education institution
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	Recommendation letter	Ask your High School Teacher
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	Copy of award / activity certificates	From organizations, schools. If you do not have, please disregard
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	Essay 1	Prepare yourself
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	Essay 2	Ask your High School Teacher
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	Copy of ID - e.g. a national, student etc.	Prepare yourself
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	Copy of passport (if possible)	Prepare yourself if you have one. If not, please disregard
<input type="checkbox"/>	13	Passport Photo x1	Prepare yourself
Question		<p>How did you learn about this scholarship program?</p> <p>Please tick for the appropriate answers from the box on the right.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Embassy <input type="checkbox"/> Ashinaga Website <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook <input type="checkbox"/> Whatsapp <input type="checkbox"/> Family / Friends <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Website <input type="checkbox"/> School (write here: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (write here: _____)

If any of the documents are incomplete by the deadline, your application will **NOT** be assessed.