

# ASHINAGA

## Ashinaga Africa Initiative 2019

### APPLICATION DEADLINE: 12:00 GMT SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018

Ashinaga is a Japan-based non-profit organisation, which provides educational and emotional support to orphaned students. Ashinaga has supported over 100,000 orphans over the last 50 years, and many of its graduates are actively contributing to society in a variety of fields across the world.

#### Programme Overview

The Ashinaga Africa Initiative (AAI) 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 programme has three stages which are described on this page.

#### The application is open to those who:

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, 2018.
3. Have citizenship and have completed / are completing high school in one of the following countries: Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Kingdom of eSwatini, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, The Gambia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
4. Were born after 1st October, 1996.
5. Do not have the financial means to attend university.
6. Are proficient in English.
7. Have an outstanding academic performance at high school and were amongst the top students in their class.
8. Are able to participate in the two Ashinaga preparatory programmes, over the course of one year, before attending university.
9. Are willing to return home, or to Sub-Saharan Africa, and contribute to society after graduating from university.
10. Have no dependents who could interfere with academic progress.
11. Are in good health and capable of studying abroad.

#### Study Camp and Preparation Camp

Ashinaga will select one student from each Sub-Saharan African country to participate in a Study Camp in Uganda from July to December 2019. During the Study Camp, students are assisted in their academic preparation, university applications (to either Japan, the U.K., the U.S.A, or Europe), career planning and leadership development. After completing Study Camp, the students will progress to a second camp called Preparation Camp. This happens in May and June 2020 after students gain a place at university. Students meet again to prepare for the social, cultural, and academic differences they will discover abroad. Students will then proceed to university in September of 2020. All of the costs during both camps are fully covered by Ashinaga.

#### 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 properly prepared for their degree, or if the academic qualifications in the student's country are not recognised in the potential country of study. Ashinaga has regional offices to support students during studies in Japan, the U.K., the U.S.A., and Europe. Scholars will participate in a mandatory internship in their home country or Sub-Saharan Africa and join Ashinaga's programmes which promote individual growth, future careers and education in Africa. AAI does not support a second degree or master's degree.

#### After Graduation

Scholars are required to return to Sub-Saharan Africa within five 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.

## How to Apply

There are three ways to apply to 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 November 1<sup>st</sup> 2018** to guarantee it arrives on time.

### Online

#### **Fill out the online application form**

Upload the following documents in JPEG / PDF format in addition to your completed online application:

### By Email

#### **Fill out the paper application form**

Scan the completed application form and also scan the following documents in JPEG / PDF format:

### By Post

#### **Fill out the paper application form**

Enclose the completed application form and also enclose the following documents:

1. Copy of national ID card or passport.
2. Copy of **all** term reports / high school transcripts from the last 2 years.
3. Copy of final Secondary School Examination Certificate\*\*
4. Copy of academic transcripts / diplomas from university / post-secondary institution, (if applicable).
5. Copy of death certificate of deceased parent(s), including the deceased parent's name, or alternative official documentation proving death of parent(s) or orphan status.
6. Copy of birth certificate of applicant.
7. A passport sized photo (3.5cm x 4.5cm)

#### **Submit online:**

[https://form.myjotform.com/AshinagaAAI/AAI\\_2019](https://form.myjotform.com/AshinagaAAI/AAI_2019)

#### **Send your scanned documents and application form to:**

[admissions.en@ashinaga.org](mailto:admissions.en@ashinaga.org)

#### **Send your application and document copies to:**

Ashinaga Africa Initiative  
Recruitment Team  
P. O. Box 16864 - Kampala, UGANDA

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\*\*For students receiving their examination results after December 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 and before February 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 we will ask you to send your examination certificate if you are selected to progress to the second round of the application process.

Please note that ONLY successful candidates will be contacted via email to be invited to the second round of the application process.

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

## Important Dates

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Application opens

**16<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Application deadline

**Late January 2019**

Successful applicants invited to next application round

**Late March 2019**

Shortlisted applicants invited to assessment day in home country

**Late May 2019**

Selection results announced

**June 2019**

Selected applicants prepare for Study Camp in Uganda

**July 2019**

Study Camp in Uganda Begins

## Selection

Applications are open between 16th September - 16th December 2018. Successful applicants will be invited to a second application round in late January which will be open between 28th January - 28th February 2019. This second round will include additional questions and essays to help us better understand your leadership potential and how you intend to use your university education to help others in the future. Successful applicants from the second round will be invited to an assessment day in April 2019 where Ashinaga conducts individual interviews and sets an examination to better understand students' academic abilities and career goals in Sub-Saharan Africa. Students must bring all original academic documents and identification documents to the interview. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the application process.

## Becoming a scholar

Students will only officially become the scholars of the "Ashinaga Africa Initiative" after receiving admission from a university and a visa from the potential country of study. Please know that joining the study camp does NOT guarantee admission to university or visa acceptance. University admission and visa application 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 account, but has the right to make the final decision with regards to selection of major, country and university.

Students are able to express their initial choice subject 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), dentistry or pharmacy degrees although it does support three or four-year degrees in biomedicine. In addition, candidates wishing to study engineering should be aware that we will require particularly strong high school grades for a successful application.





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How many of your brothers and sisters work full time? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have family members abroad? If yes, please specify the number and their activities.  
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**Academic History**

When did you or will you graduate from secondary school?     2015     2016     2017     2018

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

Date	School / Institution	Qualification
<i>ex.2017-2018</i>	<i>Collingwood College</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 Organisation Scholarship     Government Scholarship

Other (e.g. family or community support)

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

Did you work part time to earn money during your studies? If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been excluded or prevented from attending school? Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary School Exam Results:**

Name of exam			
Exam ID number			
Date of Exam	day	/ month	/ year
Date results were given	day	/ month	/ year

\*if you have not received your secondary school examination results please move to the next section.



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## 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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## Desired Field of Study

Please specify briefly what you would like to study abroad if you are selected for this programme:

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## Agreement

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

- I have read and fully understand the outline of the Africa Initiative 2019 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

Name	
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Please tick if you enclosed		Documents	How to obtain the forms
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<b>Application Form (all pages)</b>	Download from the website / Facebook
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<b>Copy of national ID or Passport</b>	Prepare yourself
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<b>Copy of term reports / high school transcripts (the last 2 years)</b>	Ask your High School Teacher
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	<b>Copy of final Secondary School Examination Certificate**</b>	Ask Secondary School / High School
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	<b>Copy of academic transcripts or diplomas from university / post-secondary institution, if applicable</b>	Ask university / education institution
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	<b>Copy of death certificate of deceased parent(s), including the deceased parent's name, or alternative official documentation proving death of parent(s) or orphan status</b>	Ask government institution
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	<b>Copy of birth certificate of applicant</b>	Ask government institution
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	<b>Passport sized photo (3.5cm x 4.5cm)</b>	Prepare yourself
<b>Question</b>		<p><b>How did you learn about this scholarship programme?</b></p> <p><b>Please tick for the appropriate answers from the box on the right.</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Embassy <input type="checkbox"/> Ashinaga Website <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram <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: _____)

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