



**Beyond
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Fresh Starts, Bold Futures

- Our first-year scholars are diving into a new chapter with the Beyond St Jude's Scholarship Program (BSJSP). Full of ambition and determination, these students are embracing higher education with open arms, ready to tackle challenges, grab hold of opportunities, and lay the groundwork for their bold futures.
- Get ready to discover how they're making their mark and building a life full of possibilities.





We met with Elifurahato find out what she has to say about starting her studies at Mzumbe University

How did the Community Service Year help you prepare for higher education?

It helped me in exploring and choosing the best course to pursue at University.

What goals have you set for yourself this year?

My goals for this year are to attain good grades and learn new skills such as critical thinking and research skills.

What is your favourite subject/class so far, and why?

My favorite subject so far is accounting. This is because I find it's interesting to open and prepare the books of account.

What resources have been the most helpful to your studies?

Tuition fees and accommodation fees. This is because I get access to resources such as library and also, a comfortable place to live which helps me concentrate better on my studies.





Embracing university life

University life is all about change, challenges, and new opportunities. It's a time to build connections, discover new interests, and navigate a new world. Let's hear how Elifuraha is adjusting to this exciting chapter of her life.



Have you made any new friends or connections at university?

Yes, I made new friends in my course and from other courses.

What surprised you most about university life?

Freedom and responsibility. Since I'm in charge of managing my own time, finances and studies.

How are you staying connected with your family and community while studying?

I stay connected with them through regular calls and messages.

What has been the most exciting part of your university experience so far?

Making new friends and studying subjects I enjoy and gaining knowledge.



Life on campus

Our first-year scholars are settling into the rhythm of university life—sharing rooms in accommodations, bonding with fellow scholars, and enjoying study sessions in the kimbweta [a popular name for the informal outdoor study areas where students gather to study or relax].

Classes are typically a few hours a day, but independent study is key. The library and laptops have become vital tools, helping scholars stay on top of coursework and explore new ideas in their studies.





Far from home: Where are our scholars?

Tanzania's universities are spread across large cities and smaller towns, offering our scholars unique experiences.

From the vibrant streets of Dar es Salaam to the tranquil, lake-side atmosphere of Mwanza, each region provides distinct learning environments. Some of the most notable universities in Tanzania include the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), St Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT), and Mbeya University of Science and Technology (MUST).

University selection in Tanzania starts in November, with some programs beginning earlier. Students receive mentorship from the BSJSP team to help guide their course selection, ensuring they choose the right path for their future.

What our scholars are pursuing

Our scholars are studying a wide range of courses, with the most popular fields being Business and Finance (33 students) and Medicine and medical-related studies (18 students). The demand for courses like these reflects their career aspirations, as many dreams of entering high-impact sectors. Here's a look at the range of fields our scholars are pursuing:

Field of study	Number of Scholars
Business and Finance	33
Medicine and medical-related studies	18
Engineering and Technology	17
Education	16
Agriculture and Environmental Sciences	10
Tourism, Hospitality, and Event Management	7
Law and Legal Studies	6
Social Sciences and Humanities	6
Total first-year scholars	113

Where our scholars are located

Here's a snapshot of where our scholars are studying: **(Total 113)**





How we assist

The BSJSP team

The BSJSP team is dedicated to ensuring that every first-year scholar transitions smoothly into university life. Here's how they provide support:

- **Campus visits:** The team travels across Tanzania to visit each scholar, checking their well-being and helping them adjust to university life.
- **Accommodation assistance:** The team assesses the scholar's accommodation to ensure it's safe, clean, affordable, and within reasonable distance from the university or public transport.
- **Guidance on independent living:** The BSJSP team supports scholars as they navigate independent living, providing advice on managing academics, budgeting, and dealing with any personal or academic challenges.

Through these efforts, the team ensures that scholars feel supported in every aspect of their university experience.

Your sponsorship: making higher education possible

In Tanzania, applying for government loans for higher education is extremely competitive. Often only partial loans are awarded, and as a result, students face financial barriers.

Your sponsorship guarantees that scholars can attend university without worrying about securing a loan or paying it back when the graduate.

What your sponsorship covers:

- Course fees
- Accommodation
- Transport
- Laptop
- Basic living expenses
- Ongoing mentoring and support from the BSJSP team

Thanks to your support, these scholars can focus on their studies and thrive without financial stress.





Our expectations

Like any scholarship program worldwide, the BSJSP Scholarship comes with academic and non-academic expectations that scholars must meet to retain their scholarship.

These expectations are designed to help scholars succeed and maintain the program's integrity.

The BSJ Scholarship is here to support scholars throughout their higher education journey—but only for the normal duration of their course. If a scholar defers or repeats a course, withheld until they resume their studies or clear their outstanding course/s.

Maintaining a scholarship

As part of the conditions outlined in the agreement for a BSJSP scholarship, scholars must:

- Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.7/5 for medical students and 3.0/5 for other courses
- Stay enrolled in their original course and institution
- Avoid repeated academic failures or expulsion

If a scholar's GPA drops below the required level, they'll receive an academic warning, which is shared with the scholar, their family, and sponsors. Continued underperformance can lead to the scholarship being revoked.



Tracking academic progress

Scholars must submit their results at the end of each semester (or annually for medical students). Sponsors will also receive these results.

Universities present results in different ways—so don't be surprised if you receive anything from digital screenshots to photos of bulletin boards!

Representing St Jude's values

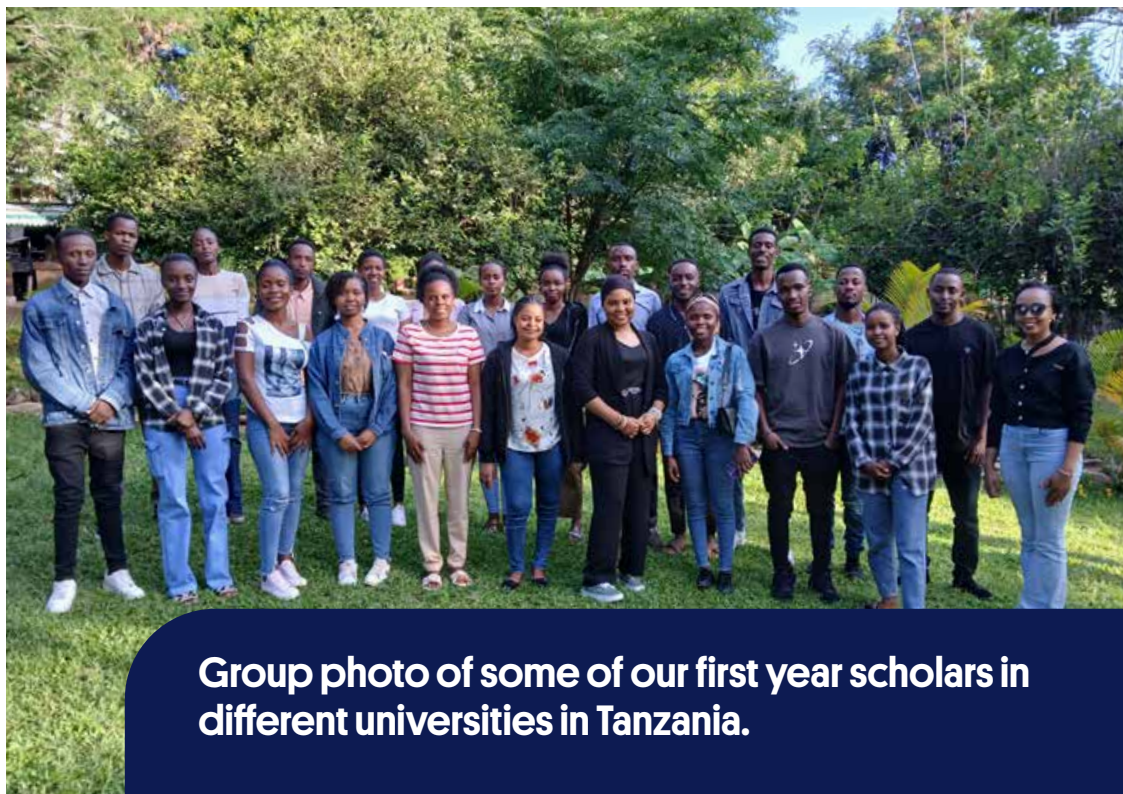
Our scholars aren't just scholars in the classroom—they represent St Jude's values of Responsibility, Respect, Honesty, and Kindness every day!

As part of their BSJSP scholarship agreement, scholars must:

- Attend classes full-time and stay in touch with the BSJSP team
- Submit required documents (like results) on time
- Use their living allowance wisely
- Follow all policies, including the Child Protection and Personal Communications Policy.

If a scholar doesn't meet these expectations, they'll get a warning—and sponsors will be notified. Repeated issues may lead to losing the scholarship.

The scholarship agreement also includes a process for dealing with serious matters that contravene these rules, including a warning, hearing and appeals process. So, if there's ever a hearing, you'll be kept in the loop!



Group photo of some of our first year scholars in different universities in Tanzania.



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Thank You!

- What an exciting journey for our new scholars!
- Thanks to your support of the Beyond St Jude's Scholarship Program, they are stepping confidently into bright futures—futures where they can thrive.
- Together, we're not just supporting education; we're transforming lives. We can't wait to share more of their inspiring adventures with you.
- Thank you for being part of this life-changing journey!



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