

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS



Most of The IMAGE Project's funding goes toward secondary school scholarships for Maasai girls. The Tanzanian Government funds education only through Standard VII (roughly equivalent to Grade 7 in the United States). Schooling beyond Standard VII is most often available only at a boarding school, particularly for girls from rural areas. Maasai girls come from all over seeking out scholarships from The IMAGE Project. Most attend one of two secondary schools outside of Iringa. At this time, we are fortunate to be able to provide scholarships to all Maasai girls who come to us, so long as they have passed their national exams and their families are financially unable to send them to secondary school. Scholarships cover tuition, room, and board.

The IMAGE Project's secondary scholarships program has been very successful. In the organization's first year (2000), there were four Maasai girls in receiving scholarships to attend secondary school through The IMAGE Project. As of December 2010, there were almost 100 Maasai girls seeking opportunities for a high school education through sponsorships from The IMAGE Project. The stories of the girls are each heartbreaking and heartwarming in their own way. Many are sponsored by specific donors of The IMAGE Project through their years of schooling. Others are supported through the

general assets of the organization. We strive to connect as many girls to particular sponsor in the United States, but this kind of personal connection is not a requirement of sponsorship.

One year of secondary schooling (including tuition, room, and board) costs \$350. You can find more information at [Why Sponsor a Girl?](#) The IMAGE Project also raises money to pay for other essential items for the sponsored girls, including uniforms, mattresses, sheets, toiletries, and basic school supplies.