



Chandaria Education Scholarship Programme Newsletter

A KCDF publication highlighting students who have been supported by the Chandaria Foundation through their Secondary School Education.



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YEARS

2006 - 2022



Chandaria Foundation partnership
with KCDF in the education
scholarship programme



42.6 Million

Disbursed amount of the partial
education scholarship grant to
date

498

Number of secondary
school students
supported to date



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Foreword

The Chandaria Foundation Education Scholarship is a partial education grant that supports secondary school education for poor and vulnerable children. For 16 successive years now, the Chandaria Foundation in partnership with Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF) has changed the lives of young boys and girls by providing them with partial education scholarship grants that have seen them through their Form One to Form Four secondary education. KCDF additionally works with intermediary community partner organizations to reach its targeted beneficiary's country wide.

In accordance with KCDF's Strategic Plan 2019-2023, education is a key pillar in KCDF's work. Our goal is to increase enrollment, progression and transition across different levels of learning with the community at the core of supporting improved learning outcomes. The Chandaria Foundation Education Scholarship contributes to the advancement of this goal.

To date, the Chandaria Foundation has disbursed, through KCDF, a total of Kes. 42,627,825 supporting a total of 498 students. A clear translation of the collective effort and investment by Chandaria Foundation and KCDF places on impacting the lives of communities by educating young people to be responsible and productive hence providing hope to their future lives.

This year, the Chandaria Foundation Education Scholarship programme newsletter highlights stories of a few recipients who have been supported by the programme. In this newsletter, you will read about a scholar who is aiming to pursue a PhD in medicine, one who has chosen not to quit on her dreams, one who has an aspiration of setting up an auditing firm and a girl child empowerment foundation in future, one who aspires to become a civil engineer after completing his studies, and another scholar who wants to further her studies in medicine.

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Chandaria Scholarship Made me Concentrate on my Studies

“ My desire is that the education scholarship continues to support other needy students just as it supported me. ”

~ Naomi Moraa Okonyo



“Since the time I started to receive the Chandaria education scholarship grant, I was never sent back home due to a lack of school fees. The scholarship was very helpful. It gave me a chance to fully concentrate on my studies” shares Naomi Moraa excitedly.

In September 2020, Naomi began pursuing her Bachelor of Science degree in Physiotherapy, a four-year course at Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology. For Naomi to get to this point in her study life, it has not all been rosy.

A last born in a family of four children, Naomi was born in 2001 and was brought up in the western part of Nairobi in Dagoretti. Since her childhood, Naomi’s mother has been a greengrocer while her father has been a storekeeper at a local university. Naomi attended Precious Talent Top School in Dagoretti from class one to class eight. “Growing up, life was a little bit difficult due to financial constraints. I went to a nearby private primary school, but my schooling was quite challenging as I would often be sent home for lack of school fees”, shares Naomi. Naomi’s family could only afford the basic needs and she is grateful that they never lacked a meal however, the aspect of being sent home for school fees made her unsettled. “Whenever I would be sent home from school, I cried and felt bad as others were going on with the studies and here I was at home. Even when I was sent home, I would go with my books and keep reading so that I continue being at par with rest of my classmates”, recalls Naomi. The number of times Naomi was sent home were many, and she describes how she would see her parents do all their best to get her back to school including calling relatives for help. In moments like those, Naomi exercised patience in her waiting. “In those moments, there was nothing I could do. I kept hope alive because I trust in God and would really pray”, shares Naomi.

Naomi kept working hard and was inspired by how industrious her parents were. “Every morning, I saw my mother waking up at 4am to go purchase the groceries for sale from the

local market. I would tell myself, if my mother can wake up at 4am to go to the market, then I have no choice but to wake up and study”, explains Naomi.

Despite the challenges, Naomi managed to complete and score 413 marks out of 500 marks in her Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) in the year 2015. During these formative years of her life, Naomi had already settled on three career options that she wanted to pursue in her future, which were to either to be a doctor, a lecturer or an engineer.

Naomi got invited to join Nakuru Girls High School which was her school of choice however the challenge of getting school fees was still at hand. “During the third term of my first year in high school, I was sent back home for school fees. At that time, I was so downcast that my grades dropped. I was at home for a period of two weeks”, shares Naomi. During this period that Naomi was at home, her mother called Naomi’s cousin to explain the situation and it was through this cousin that Naomi was connected to Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF) which partners with Chandaria Foundation to offer partial secondary school scholarships to needy students. “We reached out to KCDF and explained my dire situation. I started receiving the education scholarship while in Form Two and from then on, I was never sent back home for school fees”, says a thankful Naomi. Through the Chandaria Education Scholarship programme, KCDF provides partial scholarship grants to students from vulnerable backgrounds to support them through their secondary school learning. It was through this scholarship, that Naomi got the opening to be one of the recipients. In addition to the partial scholarship, Naomi’s sister who had a salon business catered for part of her school fees coupled with proceeds from the grocery business Naomi’s mother ran. Naomi made up her mind to pursue medicine and really enjoyed the sciences as these were her gateway to pursue a career in the medical field. In 2019, Naomi sat for her Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education

(KCSE) examinations and scored an A- (minus) of 77 points.

Naomi had wanted to pursue medicine and surgery in university but the cut off points in her performance in some of the subjects barred her. She then chose to settle on a Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy degree which is still in the medical category. "At first, when we were introduced to the theoretical part of the course, I started having second thoughts about it but I'm now happy. We have started being posted for practical lessons in hospitals. Whenever patients especially the elderly complain of arthritis or back pains and I offer mobilization and exercises, I feel fulfilled when they leave feeling much better having assisted them relieve their pain", shares Naomi happily.

Naomi says that her family is looking up to her to excel and her desire is to make them proud. To cater for her university school fees,

she has got the support of the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) coupled with some loans her mother gets and the assistance of relatives. "I really trust in God and don't give up easily even though I go through financial difficulties. After completing university, I wouldn't want to only settle for a degree. I plan to work as I also further my studies in medicine. I want to live and provide a better life for my children and family in future", shares Naomi.

Naomi advises any individual who is going through a similar situation of having challenges with school fees like what she went through, to put in the work, have trust in God and keep hope alive. "The extent of appreciation I have, having received the education scholarship in my high school is so high and cannot be quantified as it really helped so much. I desire that the education scholarship continues to support other needy students just as it supported me", says Naomi.

Aiming for a PhD in Medicine

“My motivation to work hard was highly inspired by the kind of family background I have been raised in coupled with believing in God for the best.”

~ Momanyi Govan Osoro



Born in 2001, Govan Momanyi, a first born in a family of three children has always had a yearning of becoming a doctor. Accompanied by his mother Hellen Momanyi for the interview, his mother shares that as he was growing up, Govan always addressed himself as a doctor to an extent where he kept aside his birth name.

Govan was brought up in an area called Mowlem in Embakasi West and life for Govan and his family has not been easy. “I have not grown up in a well-off family, it is a struggling family that tries to make their ends meet through daily work activities. Getting school fees for my education has been the most challenging aspect, but my parents have continually put in the effort to see that I complete school”, shares Govan.

Since Govan’s childhood, his father has been depending on casual jobs to earn a living while his mother is a greengrocer. “As a family, we always appreciate the little my parents get and sometimes when there is nothing we still appreciate”, says Govan.

Govan attended Base Root Academy in Dandora from his nursery schooling to class seven then moved to Lakeview Vitrose Academy in Ruai. Govan always topped his class. “My motivation to work hard was highly inspired

by the kind of family background I have been raised in coupled with believing in God for the best”, shares Govan. In 2015, Govan came top of his class in his Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) examinations scoring a total of 404 marks out of a total of 500 marks. Govan transitioned to St. Peters Secondary School in Mumias Kakamega County without having the complete school fees for the first term. In the midst of these challenges, a friend to Govan’s mother mentioned to her about Kenya Community Development (KCDF) advising her to visit the organization and see what help she could get in terms of finding an education scholarship for her son. Govan’s mother shared with her husband who took the initiative of visiting KCDF offices.

KCDF in partnership with the Chandaria Foundation Education Scholarship programme offered Govan a partial scholarship during his first term.

“The scholarship really helped us and if it were not for it, my child would not have completed secondary school as our combined earnings together with his father were low. Even though the scholarship was partial, it really eased the burden for us. You know when someone gives you a little, one can work hard and top up the rest”, shared Hellen, Govan’s mother.



Momanyi Govan Osoro with his mother Hellen Momanyi.

Govan got support from the scholarship until his completion of school in Form Four. “Govan was never sent home for school fees. At some point, when we could not top up on the scholarship funds for his school fees because of a lack of income, I thank God his teachers were lenient and allowed him to sit for his exams until we were able to clear his fees. Govan also loved studying and never wanted to let us down”, shares Hellen.

In 2019, Govan scored a B+ (plus) in his Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination (KCSE) which transitioned him to St. Pauls University to undertake a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. “I am now undertaking my nursing degree and my hope in future is that I can study for my master’s and thereafter do a doctorate degree that will enable me to specialize in a particular area in medicine. I am determined although I still have challenges with my upkeep and school fees. At times

when I am meant to sit for exams and the policy here in school is that one must complete school fees before sitting for exams. Most of the times I am not sure of my fate. I just keep praying”, shares Govan.

With the coming of the COVID-19 pandemic, business for Govan’s mother has been affected and sometimes a month can end without her getting an income. The family still has a burden to cater for Govan’s university fees and soon Govan’s brother will be joining secondary school.

In the midst of all the challenges Govan has gone through, he still keeps hope that it will get better. “One should never give up despite all the challenges. Everything is possible before God. God will open a door in future just as he did with the Chandaria education scholarship grant”, shares Govan.



I'd Like to Support the Chandaria Scholarship in Future.

“The education scholarship allowed me to focus and excel in my studies.”

~ Lillian Ndanu Kyalo

“In life, you do not have to have everything for you to be happy. Treasuring the little things you have will give you happiness”, shares Lillian Ndanu Kyalo.

Born in 2001, Lillian is a first born in a family of two. She has a younger brother.

Lillian grew up in Mathare where both of her parents were running businesses and for the better part of her primary school education, life was good as she never lacked any of the basic needs. Lillian attended Thika Road primary school and St. Scholastica Academy along Thika road. Schooling was not too difficult for her.

In 2015, Lillian sat for her Kenya Certificate of Primary School Education (KCPE) exams and scored 423 marks out of 500 marks. This got her an invitation to join Nakuru Girls High School.

“When I was joining Form One, life took a shift and was not as delightful as it was before. My parents did not express it to me, however, I noticed that they were going through a struggle to cater for my school fees and upkeep”, shares Lillian.

Lillian did not have a good experience in her first term of secondary school as she was sent home for lack of school fees. “I was kicked out of school because of lack of fees. Imagine you are being kicked out not knowing whether you will get any money from home to come back to school with. You get home and see the state that is there and wonder whether you should really say what you are coming back home for. It was a real struggle”, remarks Lillian.

Lillian was sent home for school fees twice in her first term of secondary school but luckily got an intervention through her kind class teacher who understood her situation and asked the school management to be compassionate to her. The intervention eased her situation however, this was not a permanent solution to the school fees predicament.

As fate would have it, Lillian was introduced to Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF) through a school friend who was in Form Three who referred her to another friend as a link. “I followed the advice I was given and followed through the process of applying for the Chandaria education scholarship grant. I am glad it went through. A cheque catering for my school fees would be sent directly to my school every term and it felt amazing. At least I would not have to worry so much about where I would get my fees”, says Lillian.

Lillian felt that the burden of catering for her school fees was now eased for her parents through the partial scholarship she got through the Chandaria Foundation Education Scholarship that supports vulnerable students through their Form One to Form Four education through scholarship grants.

“Through the support of the Chandaria Foundation Education Scholarship, I was able to focus more on my studies. As a form of appreciation I had to do my best in my studies”, shares Lillian.

In the year 2019, Lillian sat for her Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) exams and scored an A-(minus) of 77 points. Since she was a child, Lillian had a passion in mathematics and in high school it became clearer to her that she wanted to pursue economics and finance at the university level.

In November of 2020, Lillian joined Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Economics to complete in the year 2024.

Lillian experienced a push and pull between herself and her mother on whether to commute to school or reside near the university as it was proving to be expensive. For the first semester, she had to commute which meant waking up at 4:00 am to make it on time for class at 8:00 am. With time, the commute became too much of a hustle and she eventually moved and now resides near the

university. Lillian is not quite sure how her mother has been maneuvering to cater for her university school fees as with the coming of the COVID-19 pandemic, her mother's business was affected. Lillian's mother had to switch to being a casual laborer.

“With all the challenges we are going through and still having my younger brother in school, I give myself hope every day that it will get better. It is not about the luxury. I feel the happiness within myself, because in life you do not have to have everything for you to be happy”, shares Lillian who has hope that her mother will soon find a stable job.

Lillian aspires to start an auditing firm in future and create work opportunities for people. In addition, she aspires to have a foundation that will empower the girl child to work hard and stand on their feet.

Lillian is grateful to the Chandaria Foundation Education Scholarship programme and is looking forward to one day meet Dr. Manu Chandaria, the chair of the Chandaria Foundation. She is hopeful that she will have a chance to support the scholarship fund in future as a way of giving back.

Lillian shares a word of encouragement to all those who face financial turmoil in their education. “Be patient with how life takes you. It will teach you some little lessons that add value. Even if it seems to be dark, there is always a lesson. Despite being in the dark, you will always find light at the end of the tunnel. Do not give up on your dream but keep pushing”, encourages Lillian.

A young man with short dark hair, wearing a white button-down shirt and a dark belt, is smiling broadly. He is standing outdoors in front of a building with a green bush in the background. The right side of the image has a green overlay with white text.

Scholarship Opportunity has Drawn Me Closer to My Dream

“ I appreciate KCDF and the Chandaria Foundation Education Scholarship programme for their great help in contributing to who I am today and who I am going to become in future. ”

~ Remnant Mumo

“The scholarship really helped me a lot and drew me closer to my dreams. If it were not for the scholarship grant, I would not have joined high school”, shares Remnant Mumo, a student at Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology undertaking a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering.

Born in 2002 in Kitui County, Remnant is a last born and has two other older siblings. In 2007, at the tender age of five years Remnant together with his mother and siblings had to shift to Makueni County brought about by a separation between their parents. Life began afresh at their maternal grandparents’ home. Since then, Remnant has always lived with his mother, siblings and grandparents and does not have any close contact with his father.

“My mother is very hardworking and has single handedly brought us up. Since my childhood, my mother has never had a permanent job. She has been a casual worker. Back then, I remember the maximum amount she could earn in a day was Kes. 200 which sustained us at that time, the cost of living was not very high compared to how it is today”, shares Remnant.

Luckily Remnant attended Utaati primary school, a public school in Makueni County, meaning he was not required to pay school fees. The only amount he needed to provide was Kes. 400 per year which catered for the activity fee required at the school.

Remnant enjoyed school and was always top of his class since he joined class one until his completion in class eight. “What made me top of my class was the good interaction I had between myself and my teachers. They were supportive and went over and above what a teacher is required to do. I remember in class six, during the cold weather in the month of July I had no sweater and one of the teachers volunteered to give me one. This kind gesture coupled with the interactions with my teachers gave me no choice but to perform well and give my best. In addition, the struggles I saw my mother go through drove me to work hard too”, says Remnant.

In 2015, Remnant scored a total of 385 marks out of 500 marks during his Kenya Certificate of Primary School (KCPE) examinations and was invited to join a school that he had longed for, that is, St. Charles Luanga School in Kitui for his secondary schooling.

“After getting the admission letter, that is when the real trouble began. Looking at the fee structure and comparing it to what my mother was earning, things were not adding up”, shares Remnant. Remnant made scholarship applications to various institutions and unfortunately, they did not yield.

A week to reporting to school, Remnant visited his area chief to see how he could get help and that is when he learnt about Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF) as the organization that offered the Chandaria Foundation Education Scholarship grant, and he quickly made an application.

“That was the last option of getting a scholarship that would assist me to join secondary school. My mother had told me if I do not get the scholarship, I would have to repeat classes and you know during that time, there was a policy that one would go back to class eight if one was to repeat. In my mind, I did not think repeating classes was going to add value”, explains Remnant.

As Remnant was growing up, there was an engineer called Jackson Ndolo who lived around his neighborhood who always inspired and made him grow an interest in becoming an engineer in future. Remnant approached Engineer Ndolo concerning his struggle with school fees and assisted him in catering for his school shopping.

Time was now moving, and Remnant was only armed with his school shopping, but a moment came where he now had to go to school regardless of the circumstances.

“I remember I was given the last admission number as I reported to school two weeks after the rest of my classmates had already reported. I went by faith with my shopping only.

My mother assured the school management that she would pay the school fees soon, as she had reached out the local leadership to get assistance through the constituency development fund who promised that they would cater for the fees”, shares Remnant.

After some time, Remnant received part of his school fees from the constituency development fund (CDF) and during his second term of schooling, Kenya Community Development Foundation in partnership with the Chandaria Foundation Education Scholarship programme came through too. From then on, the funds from the CDF coupled with the funds from the Chandaria Foundation Education Scholarship grant catered for Remnant’s schooling until his completion. Remnant enjoyed mathematics, sciences, and geography, and while on a school trip to Daystar University, Remnant met a student who was pursuing civil engineering and that is when his interest in narrowing down to civil engineering at the university level grew.

In 2019, Remnant scored an A- (minus) of 78 points during his Kenya Certificate of Secondary School examinations (KCSE). “My mother was really longing for me to score an A (plain) but for myself, I was so happy with my result as I did all I could to get there”, reminisces Remnant.

Remnant received his invitation letter to join Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology to pursue a bachelor’s degree

in civil engineering but there came another school fees hurdle like what he faced as he was joining secondary school.

Remnant decided to visit the Kenya Community Development Foundation offices with the hope that they would cater for his university education similarly to how they assisted with the Chandaria Foundation Education Scholarship in his secondary school education. At KCDF, Remnant was advised that it was not a guarantee for him to get any assistance as the needs were many but as chance would have it, an opportunity presented itself and he transitioned to the tertiary scholarship programme.

“I’m so happy that I still continue to receive scholarship support.”, shares a jubilant Remnant.

With a combination of a student loan from the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) coupled with the scholarship catering for his upkeep and school fees, Remnant is hopeful that he will be able to complete his civil engineering degree in the year 2025.

“I appreciate KCDF and the Chandaria Foundation Education Scholarship programme for their great help in contributing to who I am today and who I am going to become in future. It is through the help that my future is still bright, and I am still chasing my dreams. May God grant them much more”, says Remnant.

Quitting is Never an Option

“Challenges in life will always be there, and quitting is never an option. I have learnt that I always have to put in the work for me to succeed.”

~ Kayruth Momanyi



“Challenges in life will always be there, and quitting is never an option. I have learnt that I always have to put in the work for me to succeed”, shares Kayruth Momanyi. Born in 2001, Kayruth is the second born in a family of three. She has an older sister and a younger brother.

Kayruth spent her early childhood years in Chebunaywa village, Vihiga County. At the time, she grew up around her mother and paternal grandparents and knew very little about her father. She only recalls being told that her father worked in the city of Nairobi. Kayruth’s mother is a teacher by profession, and in the year 2009, had to leave for Nairobi in the quest of finding better teaching opportunities, leaving behind Kayruth and her sister in the care of their grandparents. Kayruth shares that she broke down when her mother left them, as she could not understand why she and her sister had to stay behind.

Kayruth attended Chebunaywa primary, a public school in Vihiga County. She laughably recollects how they would sometimes learn in their native luhya language for a better understanding. At her grandparents’ home, life without her mother became challenging as together with her sister, they would shoulder home responsibilities, including taking care of their little twin cousins who were left behind by their aunty. “Every time I came back home from school, I would find the responsibility of taking care of my little cousins awaiting my sister and I. I had a challenging childhood which I did not like, and whenever I remember what I went through, I would never want to go back to my childhood”, remarks Kayruth. A couple of times, when life at home became too challenging, Kayruth would escape to her maternal grandmother only to come back to her paternal grandparents and face a beating from the grandfather. This went on for some time until word reached Kayruth’s mother of how her daughters were shouldering too many responsibilities. A turning point came in 2010 when Kayruth and her sister joined their parents in Nairobi to begin a new life.

Kayruth and her sister joined KBA school

located in Kahawa West Nairobi, a private school where her mother got an opportunity to teach. Since Kayruth and her sister had a shaky educational foundation, they did not do well in their entry-level exams and had to repeat classes. “I would always come last in class. A simple task like putting question tags in a sentence was a challenge for me”, recalls Kayruth.

Back at home, Kayruth’s bond with her father was not thriving having been strangers to each other since childhood. To make the situation worse, in 2011, life took another turn of events when Kayruth’s father passed because of liver complications. “Life was confusing after my father’s death as we did not know what to do, while on the other hand, my mother was expecting my younger brother”, shares Kayruth. All the money the father had saved went into paying for his medical bills while he was alive, which forced Kayruth and her family to start over again with very little resources.

After their father’s death, it became a challenge for Kayruth’s mother to pay school fees for both herself and her sister. The mother was forced to ask for a subsidy from the school and lucky enough, she was able to find reprieve through the school’s Chairman and was only to cater for the payment of their school meals. Even with the school fee subsidy, life was still difficult for the family, who sometimes depended on one of the auntie’s to pay for their rent and cater for their upkeep. “Sometimes we would sleep hungry because there was no food. Other days, we were lucky when my mother got a chance to bring some food from school. Other times, we would go for a whole month without cooking oil and resort to boiling ‘sukuma wiki’ for dinner. It was a tough life, but we had to understand the situation my mother was in,” remarked Kayruth. Kayruth and her family had to move to a smaller house with limited space as they could not afford to pay rent in the bigger house they were staying in. Kayruth’s mother had to also look for additional side tutoring jobs apart from her main teaching job. “My mother never rested. She

would work during the week and offer tuition to other pupils during the weekend to make ends meet. The little we had made us appreciate life. Having new clothes was a luxury and we only relied on the hand me downs we got from my mother's friends. Sometimes I would question myself why my father had to die?" explains Kayruth. "There were a couple of times I saw my mother break down because of the challenges we were going through. However, she would deny it as she was shielding us from seeing what she was going through. My mother has really worked hard for us", says Kayruth. Kayruth recalls how they had to stop attending church for a whole year because of lacking the transport means to get to church.

Back at KBA primary school, Kayruth kept putting in effort in her studies and after two years while she was in class six, she emerged as the best pupil in English and got a badge of excellence for it. She attests her success to a teacher who pushed her and encouraged her to meet her targets. In 2015, Kayruth sat for her Kenya Certificate of Primary School Examination (KCPE) and scored a total of 394 marks out of 500 marks. She settled for Mbooni Girls High School in Makueni County to pursue her secondary studies. "The first time I was reporting to high school, my late uncle catered for my first term fees, my mother's friend bought me a blanket, another one gave me a suitcase and my mother struggled to buy me shoes and some little necessities", says Kayruth. She joined school but was worried about where her second term school fees would come from.

As luck would have it, during one of the school holidays, Kayruth was introduced to one of her church members who introduced her to an organization called Edumed Trust. Edumed Trust supports bright and needy families through scholarships for their secondary education in partnership with Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF). KCDF works with community organisations to give access to Chandaria Foundation Education Scholarship, a partial education grant that supports secondary school

education for poor and vulnerable children. Kayruth attended an interview at Edumed Trust and that is how she ended up qualifying for the Chandaria Foundation Education Scholarship.

"Getting the scholarship was a relief, and in as much as it was partial, my mother was able to use the money that would have otherwise paid my school fees to cater for the needs of my sister and brother. My mother also encouraged me not to disappoint the people who gave of themselves to offer me the scholarship, and so I had to work really hard", shares Kayruth.

The Chandaria Foundation Scholarship, coupled with bursaries such as the constituency development fund that Kayruth's mother received saw Kayruth complete high school with limited challenges, and in the year 2019, Kayruth scored a B (plain) in her Kenya Certificate of Secondary School Examination (KCSE). Since childhood, Kayruth had always yearned to become a pilot but was not able to go through the piloting classes that would enable her to get a private pilot license due to the high fees needed to do the course. For a start, in January 2021, Kayruth enrolled at Kabarak University to pursue a four-year course Bachelor of Science in Economics and Mathematics, which she says is a building block to achieving her dream of becoming a pilot one day. "Every challenge that God takes us through has a purpose and meaning to it, and no one should complain that they cannot make it. There are people I look at who have gone through worse situations than mine and have made it in life, and I see that I have no excuse for failing", shares Kayruth. Kayruth expressed her gratitude for the Chandaria Foundation Education Scholarship, which helped pay for her secondary school fees, and is grateful to her mother for working hard to meet her needs. "My mother is my hero and God willing, in the future, together with my sister, we would want to build a retirement home for her in Kitale as that has always been her desire", says Kayruth.



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