



## **Education Fund Program Description & Policies**

### **Purpose:**

The Haiti ARISE Education Fund is a program of Haiti ARISE Ministries set up to provide children and young people the opportunity to go to school by assisting in paying school fees and teaching them that they can become self-sufficient & make a difference in their own communities. Education is one of Haiti ARISE's core pillars in fulfilling our vision to raise up godly leaders.

### **Program Guidelines:**

This document is to give a detailed description of the Haiti ARISE Education Fund Program, its guidelines and policies governing sponsorship contributions, distribution, parent responsibility, selection requirements of students, and sponsor communication/gifts.

### **Contributions:**

Monthly sponsorship is contributed by sponsors to the Education Fund in three levels:

\$35 US/CDN for Primary, \$50 US/CDN for Secondary, or \$100 US/CDN for College. A sponsor can support the program generally or choose to sponsor a specific student in the program, though the donations go into the Education Fund to be distributed as needed. If a student is specifically sponsored, he/she will be given priority over students who do not have a specific sponsor, and their school needs will be met first with the understanding that once this is done, any surplus funds will go towards helping other students.

Regular sponsorship can be set up by monthly auto-debit authorization, when a donor sends a VOID check to our Canada office with their contribution form or they can sign up by PayPal online to sponsor a student through the website: [www.haitiarise.org](http://www.haitiarise.org)

### **Distributions:**

80% of the funds are distributed monthly by the Education Fund Field Administrator in this manner:

1. For students attending schools outside of Haiti ARISE, school tuition is paid directly to the student's educational institution office.
2. For students attending Haiti ARISE's Primary, Secondary or Technical School, funds are used to provide teachers salaries, classroom materials, educational development with qualified staff and maintenance & future development of our school.
3. For all students, a school supplies pack is provided annually or upon request.

In special cases based on dire need and approved by the Field Administrator, funds may also be provided for school books, uniform and materials. Students do not receive cash in hand.

The remaining 20% helps cover program administration costs in Haiti; such as office supplies, photo copying, and gas fees for traveling to the educational institutions.

### **Parent Responsibility:**

It is not our goal to provide for all of the needs of the family, as we have seen and experienced that this only promotes a mentality of dependence on outside help, rather than parents taking responsibility for their children and circumstances. We believe their investment inspires ownership and pride in their ability to contribute in their children's education, while benefiting from the majority of the financial burden being lifted through sponsorship.

For this reason, the parents are responsible:

1. To provide books and uniforms for their children.
2. To pay the entry/registration fee to their child's school.
3. To provide any additional school fees beyond tuition, such as ID badge or sports fees.
4. To pay any tuition costs that surpass the provision of the monthly sponsorship.

### **Student Selection & Requirements:**

Student selection for sponsorship through the Education Fund Program differs in 3 groups:

#### **Haiti ARISE's Primary & Secondary School**

Sponsorship of students within our primary school covers annual tuition costs and enables us to keep our annual entry fee to a minimum for all students, making our school the most affordable in our town. It is our goal to gain sponsors for all of our primary school students while simultaneously striving to raise a bar of excellence. Any students that fail to meet these requirements will not be considered or be able to maintain their sponsorship. Students will still pay the same entry fee, but will no longer benefit from school supplies packs and sponsorship gifts.

Secondary school is a higher level of education, which requires greater focused effort and is a higher budget than primary school to operate. We want to ensure students are applying themselves and your investment of sponsorship is worthwhile. Any students that fail to meet these requirements will not be considered or be able to maintain their sponsorship and will be required to pay full tuition as well as the entry fee.

Students selected for sponsorship are based on:

1. An aptitude and standard in academic performance and behavior
  - Students must maintain a 70% or higher grade average for the year.
  - Students must portray an eagerness to excel through conduct, attendance & discipline.
2. Parent collaboration to pay the entry fee & provide uniform/books
3. A willingness to volunteer service time on campus
4. Participation in church services

If a student falls below a 50% average, they will not pass their class and will be at risk of not being welcome to return the following year. (We recognize there may be special cases for consideration, but these are rare exceptions.)

### **Students attending other schools**

The selection criteria for students attending other schools varies slightly from those in our own school. We often receive request from young people and parents facing challenges due to high costs of private schools and not enough access to public schools. Our desire is to assist parents in assuring their children finish through high school.

In order to select a student for sponsorship in another school:

1. Students must be in a grade level Haiti ARISE does not currently offer.
2. An aptitude and standard in academic performance and behavior
  - Students must maintain a 70% or higher grade average for the year.
  - Students must portray an eagerness to excel through conduct, attendance & discipline.
  - Student must submit annual report card to Education Fund Administrator for approval.
3. Parent collaboration to pay their entry fee & provide uniform/books
  - Financial need may be determined by proof of inability to pay school fees due to:
    - Indication from the educational institution of fees owing for more than two months.
    - Not currently attending school.
4. A willingness to volunteer service time by:
  - Working on campus in a volunteer capacity
  - Submit volunteer service card for Jan-June & July-Dec
5. Active participation in church services
6. Set a Christian moral example in the community, reflecting gratitude for their sponsorship.
7. Must write a letter of thanks to their sponsor when requested in the spring of each year.
  - Students are not to ask for money or things in their letter
  - Students are not to imply desire to leave Haiti
  - Purpose of their letter is simply to thank their sponsor and share current information about themselves and their schooling.
  - Must agree to have photos taken to keep track of the student's growth.

### **Students desiring to receive support for post-secondary education will be considered on a case by case basis, and further requirements will be demanded of the student.**

1. Detailed course information must be provided from the school on the school's official documents, including duration of course, fees and additional costs.
2. Application for their desired program of study must be submitted 6 months before the classes start. Time for acceptance and a sponsor to be found for that student.
3. Acceptance will be based on the desired course of study and its' authenticity.
4. An amount of \$100 dollars per month will be the maximum for students in college.
5. A contract will be agreed upon and signature required from student requiring a commitment of service to HAM after graduation and or during their studies.

Haiti ARISE Education Fund is committed to helping see the benefiting students succeed in their area of study. There is not a cut-off age, as many young adults are still working to pursue their education at older ages than normal. Once a student has finished their course of study and is not continuing in another educational program, their funding will be terminated. If at any time a student does not meet the above requirements, his/her funding will be terminated. The student's sponsor will be notified and given the option to continue supporting another.

### **Sponsor Communication & Gifts:**

A sponsor may send a letter to a specific student through our Education Fund Administrator. We are not able to accept packages, due to lack of postal service in Haiti. We request sponsors to not share personal information or communicate directly with sponsored students and families as this can cause cultural misunderstandings, confusion and conflicts. Please send all communication through: [education@haitiarise.org](mailto:education@haitiarise.org)

For a sponsor to send a gift directly to a specific student, there are two options:

1. Use the online gift catalogue to bless their student and family from the variety of options and choices listed below. [www.haitiarise.org/online-gift-catalogue/](http://www.haitiarise.org/online-gift-catalogue/)
2. Give extra money with their regular donations through our US or Canada office for a tax receipt, toward one of the following certain gift programs:
  - Birthday or Christmas Gift - send an extra \$20 the month before a student's birthday or Christmas to ensure he/she receives it on time. If they desire for a specific gift to be purchased, they may indicate so, and we will do our best to do so in Haiti.
  - Family Food Bundle- send an extra \$30 to provide the family with a care package of a bag of dry rice, a bottle of oil & bouillon cubes. Package may include other varieties of spices or small items to help the family prepare a healthy meal.
  - New Set of Church Clothes- send an extra \$50 to provide a new pair of shoes and dress clothes for a student. Haitian churchgoers always dress in their best.