

PATHWAYS Leadership for Progress

Application for 2013 participation in a leadership program

PATHWAYS *Leadership for Progress* is a leadership program and is now accepting applications from highly qualified undergraduate students with financial need commencing studies in October 2013. The goals of the PATHWAYS program are to 1) develop the student's leadership ability through supporting their efforts to improve their community, 2) facilitate the education and encourage career development of individuals who are highly qualified academically, motivated, and dedicated to improving their country, 3) provide mentoring to establish the future leader in his/her career and to assure the successful implementation of the community project and 4) foster lifelong civic-minded collaborations among youth from different ethnicities. Along with participation in this program is the availability fee assistance to those accepted to the University of Nairobi or Kenyatta University (only for students under the regular/module I programme)

Requirements

- KCSE overall grade average of B+ or higher.
- Financial need.
- Strong interpersonal and educational skills.
- Written project proposal (Rationale, Background, Objectives, Methods, Anticipated Problems and Solutions, Implications), written in collaboration with a community group, that can be made sustainable during the 4 years of university education. The proposal may focus on any area (e.g. economic development, infrastructure, food production, conservation), but it must in some direct way seek to improve the country and its people. Include letter of support from the community group.
- Three letters of recommendation from secondary school teachers/education professionals (or equivalent) familiar with the student's abilities (attach).
- Copies of KCPE/KCSE official results certificate and recent school reports (attach).
- Copies of acceptance letters from UoN/Kenyatta U or completed application form (attach).
- Estimated university expenses and a cost share plan (see below).
- Recent photo of student (will not be returned).

Note: Preference will be given to students from disadvantaged groups such as AIDS orphans and girls. Finalists will be asked to appear for an interview. Please be mindful that this is a leadership program not a scholarship only. Those selected will be expected to obtain good grades, work on their community projects, and contribute to the successful running of the PATHWAYS program while in university and throughout their lives. Success in meeting these expectations will be required for continuation in the program.

Support: The program will cover most of the student's university expenses toward a Bachelor's degree not covered by any government or private grants for 2 semesters per year contingent upon satisfactory progress each year. The student is expected to offer a cost share plan to outline how much they can contribute to their university expenses. The student is also expected to apply to PATHWAYS for a small grant to support progress on their project annually.

2013 Application

Name	
E-mail address (required)	
Address for correspondence	
Telephone number (required)	Work: _____ Home: _____
Gender (circle one)	Male Female
Birthplace	
Citizenship	
Date of birth	

Academic History: List all educational institutions attended.

Name of institution and location	Dates (mo. and year)	KCPE and KCSE subject results (send copies of certificate)	Date received or expected
Primary School:			
Secondary school:			
Other certificate diploma/degree			

List work experience.

Employer	Type of Activity	Date from:	Date to:

How did you hear about the PATHWAYS leadership program? _____

To what Universities and in which faculties have you been accepted? (Note: Program is only for those accepted to U of Nairobi or Kenyatta University) _____

What month and year do you expect to begin classes if funding is awarded?

Names, titles, position and contact information for 3 references from education professionals (or other equivalent professionals) familiar with applicant's abilities: one should be from applicant's secondary school headteacher and /or current employer. Please include letters of recommendation with your application.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Honors/School Achievements:

Statement of financial need:

Outline your plan for cost sharing your university expenses. Be as specific as you can regarding total cost you anticipate, how much you can contribute in any way (e.g. personal or family savings, scholarships, part time job) and precise details of how you plan to do this.

Please write a short proposal describing your and your community's project idea for improving your country. You must either work to create a community group (at least 50% female) or work with an existing community group (at least 50% female) to agree on the project idea. The community group must be willing to help in the implementation of the project and documentation of the results on a regular basis. †Remember, authentic community engagement is not about getting a community to "buy-in" to a decision that has already been made. It is about soliciting community input to inform and decide on the project. Inform the community that PATHWAYS is a small organization and only provides start-up funds for a community project. The community is expected to work for the project to be sustainable in 3 years. Please include a letter of support from the community group and a list of the names of its members and a statement of its understanding of the above. The proposal should be in the following format: Title, Rationale, Background, Objectives, Methods, Anticipated Problems and Solutions, Implications). The implications and possible applications of results of the proposed project to the ultimate improvement of the country and lives of Kenyans should be described. **THE PROPOSAL MAY NOT EXCEED 2 PAGES.** Please attach the 2 page project proposal to this application.

What is the research/development area of the project (e.g. income generation for economic development, public health, infrastructure, food production, conservation) Please indicate how your project may benefit girls and women

Please write an essay 1) describing your background, 2) outlining your life plans (including career, family, and community service) and 3) describing why you think you are a good candidate for this program: (THE ESSAY MAY NOT EXCEED 1 PAGE). *Please attach the 1 page essay to this application.*

PATHWAYS Leadership for Progress is a leadership program. Please write a paragraph describing how you will contribute to the success of the PATHWAYS program while in university and following graduation. Be specific. (THE PARAGRAPH MAY NOT EXCEED 1 PAGE). *Please attach the paragraph to this application.*

NOTE: If you currently have a mentor for the proposed project, please list their name and contact information here.

Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____ Phone _____ e-mail address _____

Application and Selection Process: The completed application and additional information (see checklist below) should be sent to PATHWAYS Leadership for Progress (by airmail post or email) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and received **no later than July 30, 2013** for October 2013 entry to University. The application must be complete (all questions answered and documents attached) to be reviewed. If questions, please contact D. Gust by e-mail.

Please return completed application form by airmail post or e-mail to:

D. Gust
 PATHWAYS Leadership for Progress
 1503 Hartman Dr.
 Lilburn Georgia 30047 USA
gust@pathwayslp.org

†See this link for more principles of community engagement that may be helpful in planning your project proposal. <http://www.afterschoolresources.org/kernel/images/10principles.pdf>

Check list

- completed application form
- copy of KCPE/KCSE
- project proposal 2 pgs
- letter of support from community group and list of members
- 3 letters of reference
- copy of U of Nairobi or Kenyatta U acceptance letter or completed application form
- photo (smile)
- personal background essay 1 page
- contribution to PATHWAYS essay 1 page