

mpesa Foundation

CITIZENS OF THE FUTURE

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Together we are renovating schools, empowering teachers, digitizing learning & inspiring education for a brighter Kenya.



A P P L I C A T I O N F O R M

FOR ENTRY IN JANUARY 2027

STRICTLY FOR LEARNERS SITTING KJSEA IN NOVEMBER 2026.

Name of Applicant (As it appears on the birth certificate)

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Assessment Number.....

Gender.....

Home County.....

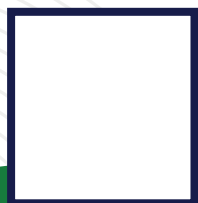
County of Residence.....

Sub County of Residence.....

Name of Junior School

Junior School Postal Address.....

County Where Junior School is Located.....



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APPLICATION DEADLINE

15TH MAY 2026

Developing Transformational Leaders Through Innovative Approaches To Education.

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taken no more than three months ago.

Dear Applicant,

We are excited that you are applying to the **MPESA Foundation's Citizens of the Future scholarship programme**. This admission cycle targets learners who will sit for their grade 9 Kenya Junior School Education Assessment (KJSEA) in November 2026. Successful applicants will be supported either at the M-PESA Foundation Academy or other schools in Kenya in JANUARY 2027 and will have their senior school education fully funded by the Mpesa Foundation. The programme is inclusive, and students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) are encouraged to apply.

Before you begin filling out the application form, please read the information below carefully.

Instructions

1. Please fill out the 2026 application form, as clearly and completely as possible. Please note that the more information you make available to us, the better it is for us to evaluate your application. Forms from previous years WILL NOT be accepted.
2. Attach copies of the following documents, failure to which your application WILL NOT be considered;
 - A. Birth Certificate.
 - B. Parent/Guardian ID.
 - C. Parent Death Certificate, where applicable.
 - D. Academic reports for the Grade 6 (KPSEA certificate), 7 & 8 (Internal assessments, only reports stamped with an official school stamp will be accepted.)
 - E. Evidence of leadership and Co-curricular activity certificates.
 - F. Payslip of Parent/Guardian if employed, bank or Mpesa statement.
 - G. Any other document deemed relevant.
3. Write your first and last name in capital letters at the top of each page as it appears on your Birth Certificate in case the pages detach.
4. Applications should be enclosed in a sealed envelope during submission.
5. Online applications are encouraged. Ensure the application is scanned and attached as a single PDF document.
6. Note that admission to the **Citizens of the Future scholarship programme** will be based on an independent free and fair application process.
7. All responses MUST be written in the spaces provided within the form and filled by the student applying for the scholarship using his/her own handwriting. You are NOT allowed to insert any extra pages.
8. Only Complete Applications will be considered.
9. Any omission of the above will lead to automatic disqualification.
10. We will verify all the information provided in this application form.

Important Dates

Application deadline is 15th May 2026. Application forms received after 15th May 2026 will not be considered.

You can get application forms in any of the following ways:

- Online on www.mpesafoundationacademy.ac.ke / www.citizenofthefuture.org
- Physical copies are available at ;
 - MPESA Foundation Academy, THIKA.
 - Safaricom Retail Shops, Countrywide.
 - SAFARICOM Headquarters, Westlands.
 - National Council for Persons Living with Disabilities.

Submission of Application Forms

Drop off/Submit your applications in one of the following ways:

- Email to; admissions@mpesafoundationacademy.ac.ke
- Post to;

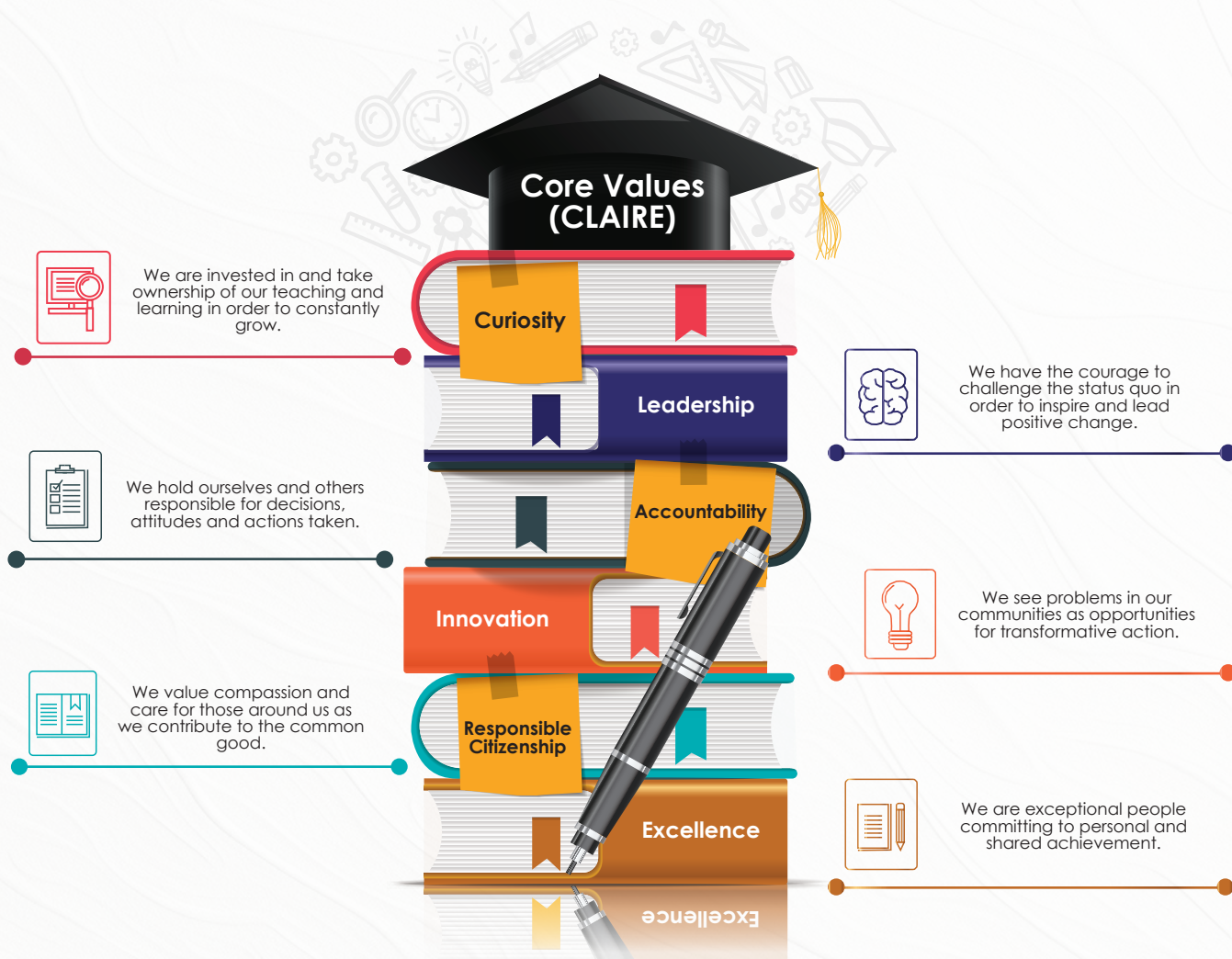
M-PESA Foundation Academy
P.O Box 7954-01000, Thika.
- Drop off at any Safaricom Retail Shop.

Selection: Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria

- A. Academic Excellence.
- B. Financial Need.
- C. Leadership potential
- D. Potential in Creativity, Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- E. Desirable values, discipline & behaviour.
- F. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Skills.

About Citizens Of The Future Scholarship Programme

Full scholarship opportunities are now available through the Citizens of the Future (CoF) Programme, a partnership between the Safaricom Foundation and the M-PESA Foundation, driving equitable access to quality education and nurturing Kenya's next generation of innovators and leaders. At the heart of this transformative mission is the M-PESA Foundation Academy, a state-of-the-art, fully funded residential institution offering the Competency-Based Education (CBE) curriculum to talented yet economically disadvantaged learners. The Academy emphasises leadership, entrepreneurship, technology, and innovation to nurture global transformational leaders. Through Citizens of the Future (CoF), thousands of students are now accessing quality and inclusive education opportunities across Kenya. By 2035, the programme aims to reach over 30,000 learners, building an empowered generation of Citizens of the Future.



About MPESA Foundation Academy

Academics

The Academy will offer each of the CBE pathways with an emphasis on practical skills, critical thinking and real world problem solving. Students will be assessed through continuous assessment tests, practical projects and prepare them for national exams, that will prepare them for tertiary education, vocation training or entry into the job market. Through the careers department, the students are guided on their pathways and exposed to a wide range of career choices to make.

Student Life and Pastoral Care

The Academy caters for students' mental health and well being. A highly nutritious diet is provided to all learners. We offer learners opportunities to nurture their leadership skills and grow their talents. Students are attached to internal and external mentors who prepare them for life after school. Child safeguarding and protection procedures have been put in place to protect learners from harm within and outside of the Academy.

Tertiary Education Support

We support the transition of the Academy's graduates by equipping them with the necessary skills that empower them to create a better tomorrow by offering a bespoke life skills pre-university curriculum, that supports our learners for life after high school and life in general.

NAME OF APPLICANT.....

A: APPLICANT'S PERSONAL DATA			
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	NEMIS Number
Date of Birth (Attach copy of Birth Certificate)	(dd/mm/yyyy) ____/____/____	Gender (tick appropriate) MALE / FEMALE	
Do you have any condition that requires special support?	YES / NO	If YES, give a brief explanation below and attach copies of medical certificates.	
Are you a citizen of Kenya? YES: NO:	If NO, state: 1. Your country of citizenship..... 2. Your residence in Kenya		

B: JUNIOR SCHOOL DETAILS (MANDATORY)					
Name of School		County	School Phone Number		School Postal Address
Head Teacher's First Name		Head Teacher's Last Name	Head Teacher's Phone Number		Head Teacher's Email
Permanent physical address of School (Include name of Estate/ Village and sub-county)					
School Type (tick appropriate) ☒		Public	Private	Religious	Informal
CBE PATHWAYS: Choose two pathways 1 being First Choice 2 being Second Choice		Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) ☐	Arts and Sports Science ☐		Social Sciences ☐

C:PARENT /GUARDIAN INFORMATION (MANDATORY)			
	Is your Father Alive: YES_____ NO_____	Is your Mother Alive YES_____ NO_____	Are you under the care of a guardian YES_____ NO_____
	FATHER	MOTHER	GUARDIAN
FULL NAME <i>(as appears in your ID)</i>			
State your relationship with the applicant (attach death certificate or burial permit if parent is deceased).			
Country of citizenship			
National/Alien ID/Passport number <i>(Attach copy)</i>			
Parent's/ Guardian's Employer			
Family (married/single/divorced/widowed)			
Permanent physical home address (State the exact location by estate/ village name & nearest landmark e.g. school, church, mosque, hospital)			

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NAME OF APPLICANT.....

FINANCIAL DECLARATION BY PARENT/ GUARDIAN (MANDATORY)

Provide the information needed here as truthfully as possible. Note that the Management of MPESA Foundation reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship if it is discovered that the information provided here was falsified. Attach Bank statements /payslip/ Mpesa statement as evidence of your financial status.

	FATHER OR GUARDIAN 1	MOTHER OR GUARDIAN 2
Briefly describe how you earn your daily/ monthly income.		

What is your estimated monthly gross income in Kenya Shillings?

Please tick your appropriate range of gross monthly income (from employment and/or self-employment e.g. business or casual labour)

Over 100,000	51,000 - 100,000	31,000 - 50,000	16,000 - 30,000	5,000 - 15,000	Below 5,000

What kind of house do you live in? Please tick the most appropriate descriptions from this list.

OWNED	Permanent (3 or more bedroom)	Permanent (1-2 bedroom)	Semi Permanent (wooden/ mud & cement floor)	Temporary (wooden/ iron sheet houses without cement floor)	Informal/ grass thatched houses
RENTED (monthly rent of)	Over 25,000	16,000 - 25,000	11,000 - 15,000	6,000 - 10,000	Below 5,000

What is the economic status of your neighbourhood/ estate/ village?

Upper Class Urban estate	Middle Class Urban Estate	Middle Class Rural Estate	Ordinary Urban Working Class	Working Class Rural Estate	Informal Urban Settlements/Rural Poor

If your child does not get this scholarship, in which category of school will you afford to educate him/her?

International Schools	Private Schools (National curriculum)	National Public Schools	Extra County Public Schools	County Public Schools	Day Public Schools

FATHER OR GUARDIAN 1

First Name		Last Name	
Signature		Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	___/___/_____
Telephone Number		Email	

MOTHER OR GUARDIAN 2

First Name		Last Name	
Signature		Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	___/___/_____
Telephone Number		Email	

The completion and submission of this application is not a guarantee for Sponsorship. ONLY shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

SECTION TO BE STRICTLY FILLED BY THE STUDENT (PLEASE WRITE ON THE SPACE PROVIDED)

- **What motivates you to apply for this scholarship?**

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NAME OF APPLICANT.....

CLASS TEACHER'S ENDORSEMENT ON TALENT, INNOVATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL

List any outstanding activities that the applicant has been involved in over the last two years. These could include entrepreneurial and innovation activities, sports, drama, arts, clubs, leadership etc (Assist the applicant to attach copies of certificates where available).			
ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF YEARS	COMMENT ON LEVEL ACHIEVED	
NAME:	Signature:	Contact:	Date:
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RECOMMENDATION BY HEADTEACHER OR DEPUTY HEADTEACHER OF CURRENT SCHOOL (TO BE FILLED OUT ONLY BY THE HEADTEACHER OR DEPUTY HEADTEACHER OF SCHOOL THE APPLICANT IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING)	
1. How long has the student been in your School?	
2. Comment on the applicant's behaviour.	
3. Comment on the applicant's family financial status?	
4. Comment on the applicant's academic ability? Kindly attach the applicant's Academic reports for Grade 6, 7 & 8. Only Reports stamped with an official school stamp will be accepted.	
SECTION MUST BE SIGNED AND STAMPED USING THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL STAMP. By signing below, you are indicating that you have reviewed the information provided in this application (including the class teacher's endorsement) and confirm its accuracy.	
NAME:	Signature: Date (dd/mm/yyyy)/ Official Stamp:
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PRIVACY NOTICE

a) Collection of information

Personal data collected as part of the application process will be used solely for evaluation of the application and selection of successful applicants.

(b) Data Protection

We are committed to respecting and protecting the privacy of the personal data we collect from you. Our Privacy Statement, as updated from time to time, explains how we treat your personal information, who we share your information with, and measures taken to protect your privacy when you participate in the Programme. This can be found on the M-PESA Foundation website (<https://m-pesafoundation.org>). If unable to access our website, please reach us on mpesafoundation@safaricom.co.ke/+254722001111 to receive a copy.

NAME OF APPLICANT.....

RECOMMENDATION BY EITHER SUB-COUNTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, CHIEF, PRIEST, PASTOR OR IMAM			
Last Name		First Name	
Office Phone		Mobile Phone	
Permanent physical address (Estate/ Village, sub-county)		COUNTY	
Postal Address		Email Address	
Based on your knowledge and/or inquiries you have made, why would you recommend this applicant to the MPESA Foundation's Citizens of the Future scholarship programme? (Use the space below for your response and sign and certify) 			
Please sign to indicate that you have read through this application confirms the accuracy of the information provided.			
Signature: _____	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)/ OFFICIAL STAMP	___ __/ ___ __/ ___ __	

DECLARATIONS:

Applicant's Declaration

I declare that the information given above is true to the best of my knowledge. I authorise MPESA Foundation & MPESA Foundation Academy to obtain & verify such additional information concerning my academic and any other records as needed to complete this scholarship application.

Applicant Name..... Signature..... Date.....

Parent/Guardian Declaration

I confirm that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and I am aware that giving false information will mean that the application will not be considered. On behalf of my child, I authorise MPESA Foundation & MPESA Foundation Academy to obtain and verify any additional information concerning this applicant. I authorise the academy to obtain any education and financial records from government bodies and any other organisation or institution as relevant to complete this scholarship application.

Parent/Guardian Name.....Parent/Guardian ID Number:.....

Signature.....Date.....

MANDATORY: ATTACH A DETAILED MAP TO YOUR HOMESTEAD FROM THE NEAREST TOWN. The Map MUST be drawn on an A4 Size photocopy paper highlighting the KEY LANDMARKS such as Rivers, Hospital, Schools e.t.c

DISCLAIMER: Kindly note that the completion and submission of this application is not a guarantee for Sponsorship. Due vetting and interview process will follow. Due to the large number of applications we receive every year only shortlisted applicants are contacted.