

Vusi Kweyama's Beyond Self Scholarship Project

“Education is the best tool for decolonising, reshaping, and developing the mind.” — Vusi

Building or destroying a nation is not a haphazard process. Offering substandard education to its population is the best way to colonise its people. Colonisation occurs when an education system provides an inadequate level of teaching that is bound to produce subordinates instead of leaders and when education has been designed to incapacitate rather than empower.

It is exactly this type of mind set that Beyond Self Scholarship Project (BSSP) seeks to challenge and replace. BSSP believes that to build healthy communities, dominant world views must be challenged by replacing the current educational system with a high-quality, ethical education system that's meaningful and purposeful to the youth. BSSP leadership has seen firsthand how societies lacking material resources have achieved great accomplishments despite their challenges. Imagine what these communities could do if their youth were able to eat three healthy meals a day; didn't have to walk great distances to school; had appropriate school uniforms enabling them to feel comfortable under the skin; and so on. It is this lack of financial resources that all too often lowers students' self-respect and dignity, which compromises their potential.

Vusi Kweyama, BSSP's pioneer and one of its promoters, speaks to these challenges from his own experience: “When I was in primary school, I had one pair of khaki shorts, a shirt, and a maroon jersey. I walked approximately 3 kilometers to school, without shoes, in winter and summer. Those few days that I had some money for lunch were special days for me. I don't recall a single day that I walked to school wearing a school uniform that made me feel comfortable under my skin. Sadly, I was not an exception; most of my schoolmates faced the same challenges.”

How can young people living in the same situation realise their potential if their basic needs are not met? How well can they compete in an aggressive world if they're not provided with education's essentials? Strong foundations need to be in place before we begin to justify the spending of thousands of rands for university enrollments? The vision of the Beyond Self Scholarship Project stems from the recognition that we need to lay strong educational foundations for our youth: foundations that stimulate and encourage a child's shining potential.

BSSP believes that young people have the potential to change history while empowering families, communities, and nations of the world.



Community Development Graduates

For more about BSSP's goals, activities, and achievements, visit www.vusikweyama.com.

You can contact Vusi Kweyama at info@vusikweyama.com.

Section A Application Assessment

The BSSP scholarship process occurs once in November. Successful applicants will be notified in December.

The closing date to apply is 30 December 2010

To apply you need to:

- Complete the application form;
- Sign the declaration;
- Attach all relevant supporting documentation as specified; and
- Return these items to the Light Providers training center office by the closing date.

Note: No late applications or supporting documentation will be accepted.

By post:

Light Providers Youth Club
P.O. Box 14258, Botha's Hill
3660
Durban, South Africa

In person:

Light Providers Youth Club
080521 Manqoba Drive, Botha's hill
KwaNyuswa Reserve
Durban, South Africa

If you need help completing your application, please contact Light Providers' office staff on 031 777 9671 or at vusik@lightproviders.com.

Section B Eligibility and Supporting Documentation

BSSP scholarships are available to all KwaNyuswa residents who are South Africans. Scholarships are offered to students to encourage and reward their **academic excellence** in previous studies and **proven commitment** to the greater good of society. Preference will be given to applicants from previously disadvantaged communities, orphans, Light Providers participants, and to individuals who demonstrate a history of community service and leadership.

Eligibility criteria:

To be eligible for Beyond Self Scholarship Project (BSSP) scholarship you must:

- i. have received an **offer to enroll** as a full-time student at any of the lower primary schools, higher primary schools, high schools, and university
- ii. not be a recipient of any other financial support award

Required supporting documentation:

- Certified copy of Identification document or birth certificate
- Certified copy of latest academic results and/or school report
- Two reference letters from friends, family members, or community leaders
- Motivation letter describing why you would be a worthy candidate for a BSSP scholarship
- Portfolio of evidence of achievements, visions, and goals.

Section C Applicant's Personal Details

Title Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Miss

Surname _____

Given name _____

Citizenship South African Other _____

South African ID number

Birth Certificate number

Gender: Female Male

Date of birth: ____/____/____

Permanent home address _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Telephone (Home): _____

Telephone (Work): _____

Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Section D Academic Information

Overseas program (please specify) _____

Other (please specify) _____

In what year do you expect to complete Metric? _____

Name of your current school:

What course(s) would like to cover when you finish metric/year 12?

Section E Household Income (This section's information must have supporting documentation.)

Name of **father or guardian** _____

His occupation _____

Name of employer _____

Gross annual income _____

Other income _____

Name of **mother or guardian** _____

Her occupation _____

Name of employer _____

Gross annual income _____

Other income _____

Name of **spouse** _____

Male _____ or Female _____

Occupation _____

Name of employer _____

Gross annual income _____

Other income _____

Other financial assistance

Do additional family members (excluding yourself and the above-mentioned individuals) receive an income from any other source? Yes _____ No _____

If yes please provide the following details:

Name and surname _____

Relation _____

Occupation _____

Name of employer _____

Gross annual income _____

Other income amount(s) _____

(Please describe other income source.)

Financial dependents on household income

How many dependents are supported by the above-mentioned household income? _____

Please tell more about the dependent(s).

	Age	Relationship	Nature of assistance
Dependent 1	_____	_____	_____
Dependent 2	_____	_____	_____
Dependent 3	_____	_____	_____
Dependent 4	_____	_____	_____
Dependent 5	_____	_____	_____

Section F Applicant's Declaration

I declare that all information contained in this application form, as well as in the attached documents, is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that if it is found that any statements or disclosed information have been shown to be false or incorrect, at any stage of this process, any scholarship that I might receive from BSSP will be terminated *immediately* and I will be liable to BSSP for the repayment of the total sum of any payments already made.

Declaring applicant's:

Full name and surname (printed): _____

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____