

2024 ACTIVITIES

WIVADEV ACCOMODATION, TUITIION, AND SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP, OCTOBER 2024

WIVADEV Launches the 7th Edition of the Accommodation, Tuition, and Skills Scholarship (WATSS). On Saturday, October 12, WIVADEV proudly unveiled the highly anticipated 7th edition of the Accommodation, Tuition, and Skills Scholarship (WATSS), marking a significant milestone in the organization's ongoing commitment to empowering underprivileged youth. This year, WIVADEV has carefully selected 20 exceptional students—19 girls and 1 boy—to receive tuition support, alongside an additional 8 candidates chosen for accommodation assistance.

The beneficiaries of the WATSS program are primarily underprivileged girls from disadvantaged backgrounds who face barriers to education and a secure learning environment. This scholarship is designed to provide them with not only the financial resources but also a supportive and safe space for personal and academic growth. As many of these girls come from communities where teenage pregnancy is prevalent, the scholarship aims to mitigate such risks by ensuring they remain in school, receive mentorship, and are equipped with the necessary tools to build a better future.

By investing in the education and skills of these young women, WIVADEV is fostering the development of resilient, empowered individuals who will go on to inspire positive change in their communities. This scholarship is more than just financial aid—it is an investment in their long-term success, resilience, and leadership potential.

This year's cohort will also participate in a comprehensive skills acquisition program during the summer holidays. This initiative will be supplemented by an extensive mentorship component focused on honing leadership, communication, and essential soft skills. The program will also provide opportunities for participants to engage in volunteer work and community service, allowing them to give back while developing critical life skills.

In the lead-up to the award ceremony, the participants were engaged in a series of enriching educational lectures and activities designed to inspire and equip them for success. One of the highlights was a powerful Panel Talk entitled "Breaking the Silence, Becoming a Voice", which

featured an esteemed panel of thought leaders, including Prof. Josepha Foba-Tendo, Barr. Dr. Mabel Nnoko, Mme. Dilys Oroch Tataw, Barr. Martina Azaah, Mme. Nganga Nadia Isumbe, and Mme. Edang Clarisse. The panel delved into critical issues surrounding education, empowerment, and the importance of girls finding their voices in society.

Another notable session was a discussion on the International Development Goals (IDG) and the theme "Girls' Vision for the Future." This session emphasized the power of education and the role of empowerment in shaping a bright future for every girl, stressing the need for collective action to support girls' education worldwide.

It is worth noting that a significant portion of the scholarship recipients—half of the tuition beneficiaries—hail from the Mile 16 community, a group that WIVADEV has been actively supporting since 2018. This long-standing relationship underscores the organization's deep commitment to addressing the specific needs of local communities and creating sustainable, positive change over time.

As WIVADEV embarks on the next phase of this transformative journey, we invite you to join us in making a lasting impact on these students' lives. Together, we can provide the support, mentorship, and resources needed to break down barriers and help these young people realize their full potential. Your involvement, whether through donations or spreading the word, will help us continue to empower these deserving students and create a brighter future for their communities.

For more information or to get involved, please reach out via the contact numbers provided on the flyer or connect with us through our social media channels. Together, we can help shape a better tomorrow.

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The following students of G.H.S Bolifamba, Mile 16 were privileged to benefit from the WATSS scholarship program, 2023: Ebenye 34,400, Alliance 34,400, Princess 34,400, Modest 32,200, Naomi 32,200, Enjema Hannah 32,200, Mbanda Vanessa 25000 which help them in their Government Common Entrance Examination for the various Levels.