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STUDENT PROFILE



NAME: Catherine

AGE: 17

SCHOOL: Shikoti Girls High School

COURSE: Secondary School Education.

CAREER: Teacher

Catherine is a 17-year-old girl who dreams of becoming a **Teacher** one day.

In 2025, she sat for her Kenya Junior School Education Assessment (KJSEA) and earned admission to Shikoti Girls High School in western Kenya. However, her ability to continue her education depended entirely on access to financial support.

Catherine is the second-born in a family of four children—two boys and two girls. She lives with her parents in a single-room house with electricity but no running water. Her father works as a welder, while her mother runs a small food kiosk outside their home. Despite their hard work, the family's combined income is barely sufficient to meet daily needs, making school fees a major challenge.

Her elder brother is currently in Form 3 with the help of well-wishers and government bursaries, while her two younger siblings are in Grade 5 and Grade 2. Supporting several children in school has placed a heavy financial burden on the family.

Despite these challenges, Catherine has remained focused and committed to her education, believing it is the key to improving her family's future. The SAAS scholarship she received has greatly eased the family's burden and enabled her to settle in school and concentrate fully on her studies.

Catherine's favourite subjects are Social Studies and English. In her free time, she enjoys watching wildlife documentaries.

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