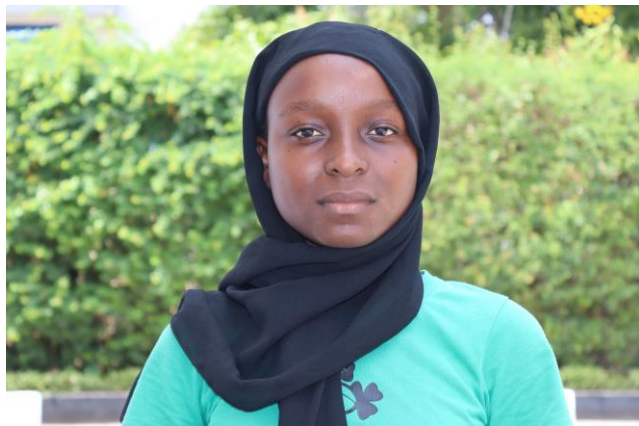


STUDENT PROFILE



NAME: Mariam

AGE: 18

SCHOOL: Kaloleni Girls High School

COURSE: Secondary School Education

CAREER: Lawyer

Mariam is an 18-year-old girl with a strong ambition to become a Lawyer in the future.

In 2025, she sat for her Kenya Junior School Education Assessment (KJSEA), her performance earned her admission to Kaloleni Girls High School in Kilifi County.

Despite securing a place in secondary school, Mariam was at risk of losing the opportunity due to financial hardship at home. Her family was unable to raise the required school fees, putting her education in jeopardy.

Fortunately, the SAAS scholarship came at a critical time, reviving her hopes and enabling her to join the school. She is now settled and progressing well with her studies.

Mariam is the firstborn in a family of five children—two girls and three boys. She lives with her parents in a single-room house with no electricity and no running water. Her father works as a mechanic, while her mother takes on manual jobs to supplement the family's income. Despite their combined efforts, the income is barely sufficient to meet the family's basic needs, making school fees a constant challenge.

Mariam's younger siblings are also in school, currently in Grades 9, 8, and 2, while the youngest is a toddler yet to join school. As the eldest child, Mariam feels a strong sense of responsibility and determination to succeed academically and support her family in the future.

Her favourite subjects are English, Social Studies, Religious Studies, and Kiswahili. In her free time, she enjoys plaiting hair, reading novels, and listening to music. With continued support, Mariam is determined to work hard and pursue her dream of becoming a lawyer.

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