

## STUDENT PROFILE



**NAME:** Mark

**AGE:** 15

**SCHOOL:** Shimo La Tewa High School

**COURSE:** Secondary School Education

**CAREER:** Lawyer

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Mark is a 15-year-old boy with a strong desire to become a Lawyer in the future.

In 2025, he sat for his Kenya Junior School Education Assessment (KJSEA) and scored an impressive 55 out of 72 points. His good performance earned him admission to Shimo La Tewa High School, one of the national boarding schools in Mombasa.

Despite this achievement, Mark's dream of continuing his education was threatened by financial hardship. He is the firstborn in a family of three boys and lives with his mother in a modest two-roomed house with electricity but no running water. Their father abandoned the family, leaving their mother to single-handedly provide for the household through manual labour.

Paying school fees has been a constant struggle, not only for Mark but also for his younger brother in Grade 1, while the youngest sibling is still a toddler. The family's limited income made it nearly impossible to sustain Mark's secondary education.

Mark's situation changed when he was awarded the SAAS scholarship. The sponsorship has lifted a heavy burden off his family and assured him that he will no longer be sent home due to unpaid school fees. This support has renewed his motivation and strengthened his commitment to work hard in his studies.

Mark's favourite subjects are Social Studies and Kiswahili. Outside the classroom, he enjoys singing and dancing during his free time. With continued support, Mark is determined to excel academically and pursue his dream of becoming a lawyer.

## EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

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