



ICAZ Vimbiso Scholarship Trust Fund

Students Journey with the Fund

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Creating Brighter Futures Through Education. Education remains one of the most powerful tools for transforming lives, reducing inequality, and promoting sustainable development. At the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Zimbabwe (ICAZ), we believe that no capable student should be denied access to professional education due to financial constraints. Our scholarship fund was established to provide deserving students—particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds—with an opportunity to pursue a career in chartered accountancy. By supporting talented individuals and breaking financial barriers, the fund contributes meaningfully to national goals and global efforts such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including quality education, gender equality, and decent work and economic growth..

Pride Mubare - My Background

My name is Pride Mubare, and I am 23 years old. I lost both of my parents at a very young age and was raised by my maternal grandparents. Though they had limited resources, they did everything they could to ensure I completed primary school. Secondary school brought even greater challenges, but thanks to the support of my sister's husband and a few well-wishers, I was able to complete my O Level in 2018 and A Level in 2020. At that point, pursuing university felt like a distant dream. I had no means to apply, and I almost gave up on the idea entirely. However, a mentor—who has been like an older brother to me—encouraged me not to give up. I applied to university and also tried to join the Zimbabwe National Army, though I was unsuccessful in the latter. It was then that my mentor told me about the Vimbiso Scholarship Fund. I applied, was called for an interview, and to my great joy, I was awarded a full scholarship. That moment changed everything. It gave me a second chance at life and restored my hope for the future. Today, I am in my final year at the University of Zimbabwe, filled with gratitude, determination, and a renewed sense of purpose—all made possible by the Vimbiso Scholarship Fund..



Pride Mubare

What the Fund means to me

The Scholarship Fund renewed a sense of purpose in me—it was a lifeline when all hope seemed lost. Before receiving the scholarship, the dream of becoming a Chartered Accountant felt far beyond my reach. Today, that dream is within sight, thanks to Fund. Every lecture attended, every exam written, and every academic milestone reached is a living testament to the transformative power of the Scholarship Fund. To me, The Fund represents more than just financial support—it embodies hope, resilience, and the liberating power of education. The mentorship sessions facilitated by the Fund have been equally impactful. They provide rare and invaluable opportunities to engage with experienced Chartered Accountants, offering insights that continue to shape my academic and professional journey. I am eternally grateful for the Vimbiso Scholarship. It has truly been a game-changer in my life.



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Pride Results



Pride Mubare

What the Fund means to me



My Journey of Hope and Resilience My name is Terence Simango, a 25-year-old young man from Chipinge, in Manicaland Province. I am deeply grateful to God for granting me the opportunity to share my journey. I was born into a humble family of eight children—five boys and three girls. My parents are subsistence farmers who, despite their limited means, strongly valued education. Unfortunately, financial hardships meant that only my older brother and I were able to sit for our “O” Level examinations; the remaining six siblings could not progress that far due to lack of resources. I began my education at Ratelshoek Primary School, which I attended from 2003 to 2010. The school was 4 kilometres from our village, and I walked that distance each day. In 2011, I enrolled at Marirangwe Secondary School for my “O” Levels. However, the learning environment was extremely challenging—there were no proper classrooms, and we were taught in abandoned tobacco barns, with teachers relying solely on dictating notes.

Terrence Simango

What the Fund means to me

During this difficult time, my father suffered a serious leg injury, which left my mother as the sole breadwinner. The situation became even more strained as I approached the time to register for my “O” Level exams. Financial constraints meant I could only afford to register for three subjects in 2015: Principles of Accounts, Geography, and History. Driven by my determination and love for learning, I approached the school headmaster and shared my situation. He showed compassion and offered me a position as a school caretaker, enabling me to earn enough to continue with my education.



Terrence Simango

What the Fund means to me

In 2017, the school committee generously registered me for five additional subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Religious Studies, and Shona. I worked hard and successfully passed all my subjects, opening the door for further education. With the support of well-wishers, I enrolled at Mafumise High School in 2018 for my “A” Level studies, focusing on commercial subjects—Accounting, Economics, and Business Studies. Becoming the first in my family to reach this level filled me with pride and a renewed sense of purpose. I passed with 13 points. Despite this success, opportunities remained scarce. In 2020, I worked various odd jobs in my community to help support my family. It was a difficult time—filled with uncertainty and a sense of hopelessness. Everything changed in 2021 when the Vimbiso Scholarship Trust Fund discovered my story and offered me a life-changing scholarship. With their support, I enrolled at Midlands State University to pursue a degree in Applied Accounting. This opportunity gave me more than just academic growth—it helped me build independence, confidence, and essential life skills, including time management.



Terrence Simango

What the Fund means to me

. Additionally, the Vimbiso Trust Fund introduced me to The Healthy Mind Session, which had a profound impact on my emotional well-being. The sessions helped me overcome stress, depression, and confusion. I also gained soft skills in efficiency, teamwork, and social responsibility. My story is one of resilience, perseverance, and transformation. I am deeply grateful to Vimbiso Trust Fund for believing in me and walking this journey with me. I hope that my experience inspires others to pursue their dreams, no matter how difficult the road may seem.

Terence's results



Terence Simango

My Journey with the Scholarship Fund

My name is Constance Madhaure. I am currently in my final Part 4.2) of a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance. I am an aspiring Chartered Accountant, and through the support of the Vimbiso Scholarship Trust Fund, this dream is well within reach. Today, I want to share how Vimbiso transformed my life—from where I once was, to where I stand today. I give all glory to God, for indeed, “the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but time and chance happen to them all.” I believe Vimbiso was my moment of time and chance—a divine opportunity. Having a sense of purpose is one of the most powerful things a person can possess. I come from a child-headed household, where simply surviving was a daily challenge, and the thought of accessing higher education seemed impossible. Yet, I purposed in my heart to work hard and break the cycle—to rewrite my family's story and become a pillar not just for my own household, but for others who walk a similar path. Throughout my journey, God placed many people in my life who helped me along the way, beginning from my primary school years. However, after completing my A Levels with flying colours, it seemed that my educational journey had reached a dead end. My siblings simply could not afford to send me to university.



Constance Madhaure

What the Fund means to me

. Then, by God's grace and through the help of my uncle, who worked at Mufakose High School, I applied for the Vimbiso Scholarship. To my overwhelming joy, I was accepted in 2021 as a Part 1 student. From that moment on, I knew deep within that my dreams were no longer distant—they were becoming reality. The vision I had carried for so long—to be a support system for others like me—was finally coming into focus. I could see the light at the end of what had once been a very dark tunnel. Vimbiso has nurtured me into a strong, resilient, and well-rounded young woman. It is more than just a scholarship program; it is a family. Through the mentorship programs held annually, we are molded in every area of life. Distinguished professionals are invited to speak with us—not only preparing us for the demands of the professional world, but also addressing critical topics like moral values, professional ethics, and mental health. We also celebrate life together as a family. Events such as wellness sessions, fun days, and the Colour Run allow us to connect on a personal level and create lasting bonds. These experiences remind us that even while striving for excellence, there is space for joy, friendship, and laughter. To me, Vimbiso is a pillar to the feeble, a light in the darkness, and a path to a brighter future. I am profoundly grateful for the opportunity it has given me to succeed. I pray that many more children, just like me, will be blessed through this life-changing initiative—so that their dreams, too, may be realised, and so that they may transform lives as ours have been transformed.



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Constance Madhuure

What the Fund means to me

. My name is Joyce T. Machipanda, and I am currently in my final year (Part 4.2) of a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance. I am an aspiring Chartered Accountant, and with the support of the Vimbiso Scholarship Trust Fund, this dream is becoming a reality. Today, I share my story of how Vimbiso lifted me from the slums to where I stand today. I owe everything to God Almighty, for “the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong... but time and chance happen to them all.” I believe Vimbiso was my moment of time and chance. Having a life purpose is one of the most powerful attributes any person can carry. I come from a family where making ends meet was nearly impossible and the thought of attaining a proper education seemed like a distant dream. But I purposed in my heart to work with all my strength to change the story of my life, my family, and to become a pillar for others like me around the world. Still, I often wondered if that dream could ever truly come to pass.



Joyce Muchapinda

What the Fund means to me

. Since primary school, God brought people into my life to help me along my journey. But after completing my A Levels with flying colours, I faced another setback—my parents could not afford to send me to university. It felt like the dream was slipping away. Thankfully, through the help of my pastor, I applied for the Vimbiso Scholarship, and by God's grace, I was accepted as a beneficiary. From the moment I began my studies as a Part 1 student in 2021, I felt a deep assurance in my heart that my ambition of becoming a Chartered Accountant would indeed come true. The vision of becoming a support system to others like me grew brighter. I could finally see light at the end of the dark tunnel I had walked through. Vimbiso is more than a scholarship—it is a family. It has shaped me into a strong, resilient, warm-hearted, and well-rounded young woman. We are nurtured in many areas of life through mentorship programs held once or twice a year.



Joyce Muchapinda

What the Fund means to me

Prominent professionals are invited to guide us not only in the professional realm, but also in navigating life's deeper issues—ranging from moral values and professional ethics to mental health and emotional wellness. As a family, we also take time to connect and celebrate life through fun and inclusive activities like colour runs and social gatherings organized by our coordinators. These moments help us bond, grow, and feel seen. The Fund has truly become a pillar for the weak, a light in the darkness, and a path to a brighter future. I am forever grateful to Vimbiso for giving me a chance to succeed. My prayer is that many more children will benefit from this life-changing program, rise to their full potential, and go on to transform lives—just as mine has been transformed.



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Joyce Muchapinda

What the Fund means to me

Growing up in Mbare—one of Zimbabwe's most vibrant yet economically disadvantaged neighbourhoods—life was a constant blend of dreams and hardships. My family faced significant financial challenges, but I remained determined to pursue my education and rise above my circumstances. Passing my level examinations was a proud milestone, yet the celebration was short-lived. With school fees arrears weighing us down, I couldn't secure a place to study A 'Level. I found myself studying at home, relying on borrowed notes from friends—a difficult but necessary path in my pursuit of a better future. Then, a glimmer of hope appeared. Our landlord, having witnessed my resilience and potential, generously stepped in to clear my school fees arrears and finance my A 'Level studies. Thanks to his support, I returned to school during the third term of Lower Six at a local institution. It was a race against time to catch up and adjust, but I gave it my all. When the results came out, I had passed with flying colours. Still, the dream of pursuing tertiary education remained distant due to the ever-present financial barriers. That's when Vimbiso entered my life. I first heard about the scholarship through a friend who encouraged me to apply. I submitted my application, completed an online interview, and waited with hopeful anticipation.



Nicola Takundwa



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What the Fund means to me

On 18 September 2021, I received a call that changed everything—I had been accepted into the Vimbiso Scholarship Programme. The scholarship covered both my tuition and accommodation, lifting a heavy burden that had long rested on my family's shoulders. From that moment on, Vimbiso became more than just a sponsor—it became the cornerstone of my growth and success. Beyond the financial relief, the scholarship introduced me to mentorship opportunities that have lit the way toward my goal of becoming a Chartered Accountant in Zimbabwe. The guidance I've received has helped me navigate my academic journey with confidence, clarity, and a renewed sense of purpose. Today, as I reflect on how far I've come, I am filled with deep gratitude. Vimbiso has transformed my life by turning what once felt like impossible obstacles into stepping stones toward my future. Their generosity has allowed me to fully dedicate myself to my studies, equipped with the tools, support, and mentorship I need to succeed. Vimbiso has been a true blessing—and I am determined to honour this opportunity by building a brighter future, not only for myself but for others who, like me, simply need someone to believe in them.

Nicola Takundwa

The stories of beneficiaries reflect the enduring power of opportunity, resilience, and belief. Each scholar is a living example of how access to education can transform lives, uplift families, and build communities. The Scholarship Fund is more than a scholarship—it is a bridge to a better future, a catalyst for change, and a symbol of hope. As beneficiaries, we carry the torch forward, committed to excellence, integrity, and giving back. We are not just students—we are the future Chartered Accountants, leaders, and change-makers of Zimbabwe.