

Haiti ARISE Education Fund Policies & Program Description

Purpose: This document is to give a detailed description of the Haiti ARISE Education Fund Program and its guidelines, the policies governing sponsorship donations, and the requirements for selection of students.

Program Guidelines: The Haiti ARISE Education Fund Program is a project of Haiti ARISE Ministries set up to help provide school fees for children and young people to go to school and teach them that they can become self-sufficient & make a difference in their own communities. It is our motto that « To give a man a fish, he will only eat for the day, but to teach a man to fish, he will live forever. » The program works as such:

Contributions: A monthly contribution of **\$30 US (\$35 CDN) or more** given by individual sponsors to the fund helps send not just one, but often times several young people to school. A sponsor can support the program generally or choose to help support a specific student in the program, though the donations go into the fund to be distributed as needed. Students can have up to three sponsors at one time due to the variations in school fees & supplies according to schools. If a student is specifically sponsored, he/she will be given priority over students who do not have a specific sponsor.

Distributions: As finances are received into this fund, 95% goes directly to provide for:

1. School fees to be paid for students to their educational institution
2. School materials, books & uniform

In some cases, funds can also be provided for:

3. Transportation costs
4. Lodging expense if schooling is far from home
5. Medical aid for the student when needed

The remaining 5% helps cover program administration costs in Haiti; such as office supplies, postage, and gas fees for traveling to the educational institutions.

It is not our goal to provide for all of the needs of the family, as we have seen and experienced that this will only promote a « welfare » mentality of dependence on outside help, rather than parents taking responsibility for their children and circumstances.

Students do not receive cash in hand, unless to cover transportation for adult students, in which receipts are required to be submitted for.

Benefactors: The benefiting students are attending public and private, classic and post-secondary schools outside of Haiti ARISE, as well as Haiti ARISE Renouveau D'Haiti Elementary School, and Haiti ARISE Technical Institute and Bible College classes such as Theology, ESL, Cooking, Mechanics, Electricity, Tiling, Computers and Carpentry. All of those being supported are a part of our church community and ministry. The majority of our students also benefit from monthly community rice feeding program, another program of Haiti ARISE Ministries.

Sponsorship Donation Guidelines: Gifts designated toward the Education Fund will be distributed as indicated above. Regular sponsorship can be set up by monthly auto-debit authorization, when a donor send a VOID check to our US or Canada office with their contribution form.

Additional guidelines for sponsorship donation options include:

Personal Letters & Gifts: A sponsor may send a letter to a specific student through our Haiti ARISE Ministries address or email in Haiti. We are no longer able to accept small packages, due to changes in our postal service in Haiti. Letters are still welcome by mail or email.

For a sponsor to send a gift directly to a specific student, there are two options:

1. Send cash in a card through the mail by HAM address directly to a student with no expectation of a tax-receipt or;
2. Give extra money with their regular donations through our US or Canada office for a tax receipt, toward one of the following **certain gifts program:**
 - **Birthday or Christmas Gift** - send an **extra \$20** the month before a student's birthday or Christmas to ensure he/she receives it on time. If they desire for a specific gift to be purchased, they may indicate so, and we will do our best to do so in Haiti.
 - **Family Food Bundle**- send an **extra \$30** to provide the family with a care package of a bag of dry rice, a bottle of oil & bouillon cubes. Package may include other varieties of spices or small items to help the family prepare a healthy meal.

- **New Set of Church Clothes**- send an **extra \$50** to provide a new pair of shoes and dress clothes for a student. Haitian churchgoers always dress in their best.
- **Family Goat or Pig**- send an **extra \$100** to provide the family with a goat or pig they can raise for meat or sale.

Student Selection Requirements: Students benefiting from the Education Fund Program are selected according to a set of requirements determined by the board, Haitian leadership and director of the program. Our current Education Fund director in Haiti is Archange Laguerre, a local schoolteacher, elder of the church and a part of HAM leadership team in Haiti.

1. Based on financial need- This can be demonstrated by proof of inability to pay school fees in the following ways:
 - a. Parental guidance or parental support not present.
 - b. Indication from the financial institution of fees owing for more than two months.
 - c. Not currently attending school due to financial difficulties
 - d. For a post-secondary student, information for the selected course of interest must be submitted to approval to the directors.
 - e. If a student requires further aid than just for school fees, program directors will assess those needs.
2. An active member of the HAM community church and/or school.
 - a. If the student is an active member of another local church, documentation will be required to show their involvement.
 - b. If a student is found to be in great need, but not yet a part of the local church community, encouragement to join and follow-up would be given.
3. Displays a willingness to give back to HAM in any of the following ways:
 - a. Work on campus in a volunteer capacity
 - b. Serve in church & community outreach activities
 - c. Set a Christian, moral example in the community, reflecting gratitude for their sponsorship
4. Display an aptitude and standard in school academic performance and behavior
 - a. Student would be expected to take his/her studies seriously by studying and applying oneself
 - b. Attendance must be regular and frequent inexcusable absences will be considered reason for removal from program.
 - c. Student must submit report card to Education Fund director for approval
5. Willingness to provide personal, family and school information for regular program updates
 - a. Must write a letter of thanks to their sponsor, if specifically sponsored, when requested to.
 - i. Students are not to ask for money or things in their letter
 - ii. Students are not to imply desire to leave Haiti
 - iii. Purpose of their letter is simply to thank their sponsor and share current information about themselves and their schooling.
 - b. Must agree to have photos taken to keep track of the student's growth.
 - c. Must submit school records.
6. Student must be enrolled in a primary, secondary or post-secondary educational institution to receive aid from the fund. The fund is not for private lessons outside of a recognized institution.

Haiti ARISE Education Fund is committed to helping see the benefiting students succeed in their area of study. There is not a cut-off age, as many young adults are still working to pursue their education at older ages than normal. Once a student has finished their course of study and is not continuing in another educational program, their funding will be terminated. If at any time a student does not meet the above requirements, his/her funding will be terminated. The student's sponsor will be notified and given the option to continue supporting another.