

How is the school system structured in Tanzania?

The schooling in Tanzania is based on the British system. Primary school education (Standard 1 or 1st grade through Standard 7 or 7th grade). At the end of Standard 7, students must take and pass a national exam in order to be able to continue their education in a government school (Form I or 8th grade through Form IV or 11th grade). Very few pass with scores high enough to continue in government schools. The only option available to students not qualifying for government schools is private education. This is difficult because fees for one student are greater than an average family's annual income. Ngateu is a private secondary school.

What subjects are taught at Ngateu?

Ngateu offers a complete academic program including math, science, civics, and literature. All subjects are taught and all national exams are in English. This is the national requirement for secondary schools, even though Swahili is their native language and the one used in primary schools

Purposeful Travel

A gift you give yourself

Your sponsorship is a generous gift to SAFI, to the students at Ngateu Secondary School and to yourself.

If you have not traveled with SAFI to Tanzania, consider giving this gift to yourself.

Being at Ngateu, seeing the work that has been done, walking with the students and talking with them is an experience beyond mere words.

For information on upcoming purposeful travel opportunities and to stay connected with what SAFI is doing, check out the SAFI website at:

www.safischoolproject.org



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Sponsor Handbook

Ngateu Secondary School

Thank you for being a SAFI sponsor through your generous sponsorship donation. Each sponsor enjoys getting to know one of the students who is benefiting from the work SAFI does. This opportunity often leads to a long term connection as donor and student communicate over time. Even though your donation is not tied to a particular student, it helps to connect a name and a face to the work you are doing. This connection helps to make our world a better place as we support others and provide them with an opportunity to voice their appreciation.





How are students chosen for SAFI sponsorship?

SAFI is committed to sponsoring 20 new Form I students each year at Ngateu Secondary School. At least half of these students must be girls. The selection is based on need, academic ability, and citizenship. School staff selects the students they feel are most qualified and gives the names to SAFI. As long as students continue to meet the criteria for sponsorship, they will have that assistance through Form IV as well as assistance for post secondary education or training as needed.

Where is Ngateu Secondary School?

Ngateu is a community within the city of Arusha, Tanzania, East Africa.

May I correspond with a student?

Yes! The students love receiving mail. If you wish to write, correspondence is encouraged. This is an opportunity for them to use their English language skills. Write about your family, where you live, work, hobbies, and pets. Ask about their families, community, classes, favorite subjects, and interests. They love to receive pictures of you and your family as well as picture postcards. Encourage them to write by including a sheet of paper with a self-addressed envelope. You do not have to wait for a response to write again. Mail from the students is usually hand carried by volunteers. Many students have access to email. If you wish, you may give them your email address. Please send mail to:

Name of student
Ngateu Secondary School
PO Box 7283
Arusha, Tanzania



What happens if the student I am corresponding with leaves Ngateu?

It is desirable to correspond with a student for a full four years at Ngateu. However, the education experience for students is a tenuous one and there are a number of reasons that a student might cease to attend. If that becomes the case, SAFI will make every effort to connect you to another student who will be receiving assistance from the scholarship fund.



How is the scholarship money used?

The scholarship money is pooled and a monthly wire transfer is made directly to the school. The money is used for school operating expenses including salaries, utilities, supplies, uniforms, food, etc.