Here are some frequently asked questions (FAQs) and their answers for a sponsorship program

General Information

Q1: What is the sponsorship program about?

The sponsorship program at <u>Every Child Tanzania</u> is designed to provide comprehensive support to children from underprivileged backgrounds, enabling them to pursue their education from primary school through to university. The program covers essential needs such as school materials, uniforms, food, mentorship, health insurance, and academic and emotional support

Q2: How does the sponsorship program work?

When you become a sponsor, your contributions help provide essential resources and support to your sponsored child. You'll receive regular updates, letters, and photos to keep you informed about the progress and impact of your support.

Eligibility and Application

Q3: Who can become a sponsor?

Anyone with a genuine interest in supporting children and communities in need can become a sponsor. Individuals, families, organizations, and businesses are all welcome to participate.

Q4: How do I become a sponsor?

To become a sponsor, visit our opatner organization "Mufindi Orphans Inc, fill out the sponsorship application form, and choose a plan you wish to commit to. You can also reach out to us if you have any questions or you would like to learn more about our work.

Q5: Is there a minimum duration for sponsorship?

We encourage sponsors to commit for at least one year to ensure stability and consistent support for the sponsored child. However, longer commitments are highly appreciated.

Financial Information

Q6: How much does sponsorship cost?

Annual sponsorship fees are \$660 for primary education, \$1,100 for secondary education, and \$2,200 for university education. You can also choose to divide this into monthly payments of an amount that suits you. Remember, ECT values all contributions, no matter how small. Even a one-time donation of \$1 is greatly appreciated

Q7: How are my sponsorship funds used?

Your funds are used to Pay tuition Fees, School Uniforms, provide educational materials, healthcare insurance, food, mentorship and school visits.

Communication and Updates

Q8: How often will I receive updates about my sponsored child or the whole sponsorship program?

Sponsors receive updates at least thrice a year, including letters, photos, and progress reports. Additionally, we send newsletters and updates on significant events and students achievements.

Q9: Can I communicate with my sponsored child?

Yes, you can write letters and send small gifts to your sponsored child. However, we prefer that sponsors communicate through our organization to ensure equality among all sponsored students. ECT can facilitate the exchange of letters to ensure effective communication and cultural sensitivity

Impact and Transparency

Q10: How can I be sure my sponsorship is making a difference?

We provide detailed reports and updates on the impact of your sponsorship. Our programs are regularly monitored and evaluated to ensure effectiveness and transparency. You can also visit our projects in Tanzania to see the impact firsthand.

Q11: Is my sponsorship tax-deductible?

Yes, contributions to our sponsorship program are tax-deductible. We provide receipts and necessary documentation for tax purposes. If you haven't received yours yet, please reach out to us, and we'll promptly provide it. All contributions to our sponsorship program are channeled through our partner organization, <u>Mufindi Orphans Inc</u>., a registered 501(c)(3) charity in the US

Additional Support and Involvement

Q14: Can I visit my sponsored child or community?

Yes, sponsors are welcome to visit their sponsored child or community. We can help arrange visits and provide guidelines to ensure a meaningful and respectful experience.

Q15: How else can I get involved with the NGO's work

Besides sponsorship, you can volunteer, participate in fundraising events, donate to specific projects, or spread awareness about our programs. Contact us to learn more about various ways to get involved or visit our website <u>www.everychildtanzania.org</u> to learn more.

Contact Information

Q16: How can I contact the sponsorship program office?

You can contact us via email at <u>info@MufindiOrphans.org</u> if you are in the US or outside of Tanzania or <u>everychildtz1@gmail.com</u> if you are in Tanzania. Our team is available to answer any questions and provide support.

Selection and enrollment of students in the Sponsorship Program

What are the primary criteria for selecting students for the sponsorship program?

The primary criteria include Orphans, coming from low-income families, having a strong desire to learn, and a potential to become changemakers in their community.

Which regions do you serve in Tanzania?

We serve students from the rural areas of Mufindi, Iringa and Njombe regions in Tanzania.

What age group of students are eligible for sponsorship?

Students from elementary school to university level are eligible for sponsorship.

What types of support does the sponsorship program provide to selected students?

The program provides school materials, uniforms, food, mentorship, health insurance, academic and emotional support.

How do you identify and verify orphans or low-income families?

We work closely with parents or guardians, local community leaders, and schools to identify and verify orphans and low-income families through home and school visits and socioeconomic assessments.

Are there any academic performance requirements for eligibility?

While academic performance is considered, the primary focus is on the student's desire to learn, potential to contribute to their community, and their inability to access education due to coming from a low-income family or being an orphan

How does the mentorship aspect of the program work?

Mentorship involves visiting students at school, meeting their teachers and parents who guide them in their academic journey, personal development, and career planning. Also, tutoring, coaching and guiding them during school breaks.

Can students from urban areas in Iringa and Njombe apply for the program?

The program is primarily focused on rural areas, but exceptional cases from urban areas may be considered if they meet other criteria.

What is the process for applying to the sponsorship program?

In collaboration with parents and community leaders, Every Child Tanzania community outreach volunteers identify children in need and present them to the ECT sponsorship team. Also, interested students, parents, or guardians can apply through local schools.

How long does the sponsorship last for each student?

From elementary through university, provided they meet program criteria.