

Student Profile

Name: **Joseph Chonza**

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: 18th December 1994

Place of Birth: Mongu, Zambia

Guardian: Namushi Litebele

Relationship: Aunt

Profession: Teacher

Primary School: Mumana Basic School

Secondary School: **Leopards Hill
Secondary School**

2010 Level: **Grade 9**



Family Background:

Joseph lives with his aunt, Namushi Litebele, in Kaunda Square. He was born and lived in a village in Western Mongu with his father, mother, brother and sister. Village life was extremely difficult at times, especially since the family only produced enough food for consumption and not for sale. Paying for many necessities was extremely tough and so Joseph would have gone without much of an education were it not for his aunt who took an interest in his development.

Namushi had once been kept by an aunt of hers and greatly benefited from the financial support she received. She was able to finish her secondary school and also completed a course in education, qualifying her to be a teacher. Because of this experience, she decided to help her sister take care of Joseph. She said about Joseph, "I noticed that he was very bright."

Currently Namushi is not teaching but is working for someone in a small business shop that sells cosmetics. Her income is very low so often she cannot pay for all of Joseph's school needs on time. She usually has to ask Joseph to wait a few weeks before she can purchase a uniform or text books. She receives an income of K350,000.00 per month.

Joseph commented that the KF scholarship has had an enormous impact on his family — notably, it has allowed his family to continue to fund his brothers' educations and made it possible for the family to afford rent and more food.

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Joseph's Educational Background:

Primary - Mumana Basic School

When Joseph moved in with Namushi, he was enrolled at Mumana basic school. Here is where he began to show his aunt just how bright he really was. Starting from grade one, Joseph was placed among the top three positions in his class and continued to do so all the way until grade seven. Perhaps this is due to the love he has for inspiring teachers.

Because of his example of hard work, Joseph was selected to be a class monitor in grades five through seven. Part of his responsibilities included controlling the noise levels in class, taking books wherever teachers needed them, and making sure the classes were clean after school.

Joseph's favorite subjects at Mumana were Mathematics, English and Social Science.

At Leopards Hill Secondary School

Grade 8

Joseph has made a smooth transition at Leopards Hill School, achieving first and second position in the majority of his classes. While in the first term he struggled to understand and apply mathematics and English language, through practice and hard work, he improved markedly over the course of the year. He has excelled in geography, agricultural science, and civics. He also received the award for the most well behaved boy in the Junior School as well as the "smartest" — or best dressed. Joseph says he loves his new school — he has met new friends and finds his teachers to be encouraging and interesting.

Grade 8 Academic Achievements:

- First position in Civics, Agricultural Science and Geography
- Second position in Religious Education
- Smartest boy (best dressed) in the junior school

Joseph's Interests:

Joseph plays on the soccer team at Leopards Hill as right wing midfielder. He also participates in athletics and finished second in javelin, obstacle course, 200 meters, 3000 meters, and long jump. "This year I am working on increasing my speed so that I become the fastest junior of the year."

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Joseph has also joined the Junior Engineering Technical Science Club (JETS) where they learn practical applications of biology, chemistry and physics. “After teachings, the teachers give us a quiz to compete amongst the junior students. JETS is a very educational club, therefore, I acquire more knowledge from JETS than any other club.”

Community Service

During holidays, Joseph offers lesson in reading to children under the age of 7 in his community. He reads them stories to help them with understanding English language, then asks them questions to test their comprehension.

Career Interests:

Joseph wants to be a lawyer when he completes his education because of his interest in current affairs.

Joseph’s Role Model:

Joseph looks up to Bill Gates because he is inventive, hard-working, and ambitious. “My role model is Bill Gates because he is one clever man who thought of improving technology.”

Joseph’s Thoughts

My name is Joseph Chonza and I come from a family of five - my father, mother, brother, sister, and myself. I am being kept by my aunt in Kaunda Square Stage 1.

I am talented in running and supervising others at school.

I have overcome so many challenges in life more especially where school support is concerned, because my auntie’s income is so little that sometimes she can’t manage to buy my school requirements at once. I feel that Kucetekela Foundation will help me better myself through its financial support for me to complete my secondary school. I really thank God because it has come at the right time. I need sponsorship and it is my prayer to God that Kucetekela Foundation should go forward.

As a member of KF I have learnt a lot especially in my social life. KF has helped me discover and develop my talents like athletics and football. I did not know that I could run very fast when I was at my primary school but at secondary school, I have found my talent of running. KF is an organization that helped me realize how important education is by giving me all the things I need.