

## **PERSONAL PROFILE: JONATHAN OLOO WAMBI.**

My name is Jonathan Oloo Wambi. I was born in 1992 to the late David Wambi Omolo and Pelesia Owino Wambi in Rongo Village, Western Kenya close to Lake Victoria. I am the last born child in a family of eight children. My father died in 1995 when I was only three years old. My mother who has been of poor health has brought us up alone ever since.



I was only three years old when my father died and too young to have any proper knowledge of him. Whatever knowledge that I have about him is the little that I gathered from my mother and siblings. My mother could not manage to take my siblings beyond primary schooling due to lack of money for fees and other levies. In 2006, a representative of Activation Trust came to our school and I was selected for sponsorship after my academic and financial status was evaluated. From that time, I knew that my academic success was assured. My sponsors paid for my school fees and met my other needs like uniforms, fares, pocket money, stationeries, books and medical expenses. We also got pastoral care at school, family level and also during the triennial holiday workshops with Programme Staff and Activation Trust trustees from UK.

I joined St. Jonathan Primary School where I did my pre-unit for one year then I joined class one the next year. I was in the same school until class five in 2005. Later I transferred to Kanga Primary School in 2006 for class six and finally sat for my Kenya Certificate of Primary Education examination (KCPE) in 2007 at the same school. The next year 2008, I joined St. Augustine Mirogi Boys High School for my secondary level and finally sat my Kenya Certificate of Secondary School examination in 2011 and passed with a mean grade of C+(C plus) which qualified me to join University. I have been admitted to Maseno University for a course in Mass Communication and Media Technology starting 2013. This is a four academic year programme costing a total of Kshs. 190,000 per year out of which Kshs. 146,000 will be for tuition and Kshs. 44,300 will be for accommodation, meals and personal expenses. From year 2, I will be eligible to apply for the Kenya Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and Constituency Development Fund (CDF) out of which I am likely to generate Kshs.50, 000 to supplement any external support.

I have undergone eighteen workshops organised by Activation Trust in Positive Life Skills where we learnt several skills during the three yearly holiday workshops. It is through these that I have become an effective communicator, good at taking instructions and acting on those them with minimal guidance. I am a good public speaker and have good ability to organise my thoughts logically, and explain everything clearly. At school, I equally developed good skills in games. I am a good team player and have very keen diversity sensitivity.

I have developed a keen interest in Environmental Conservation particularly as it relates to improving biodiversity and human wildlife conflict. It is out of this interest that I pioneered our school beautification project where we built a compost collection to generate organic matter for our school flower breeding and tree planting. I played table tennis and represented our school in several regional tournaments where we won several trophies.

I believe that a degree in Mass Communication and Media technology will not only equip me with employable skills but also enable me to use the knowledge acquired to highlight the plight of orphans, the poor and disadvantaged in society and also to make a difference in conservation and protection. I will advocate for the rights of the child, the conservation of the environment and improving of biodiversity in which Kenya is very rich. In this regard, the two re-known Kenyan conservationists Dr. David Western and Prof. Wangari Maathai are my role models.