



"Changing Lives & Making a Difference - One Girl at a Time"

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Jewel Starfish foundation (JSF) was established in 2000. Since then the organization has been expanding continuously in terms of promoting females' education and social development services. Today JSF is one of the leading Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Liberia which champions the education and mentoring of disadvantaged girls. Supporting over 2,000 underprivileged females every year through its programs, JSF programs provide education and vocational training, psychosocial support, leadership mentoring, raising awareness on Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV), promoting Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR), advocacy and social protection and inclusion. JSF has earned the recognition as an institution (Organization) of repute from many national and international agencies/organizations such as the United Nations and its system and various international NGOs. The organization has established and maintained networks and partnerships with organizations that hold similar vision for Social Transformation in order to accelerate the growth and impact of the training being offered our beneficiaries.

During the last five (5) years, the Foundation introduced a broader scholarship program across the fifteen (15) counties in Liberia as well as at the international level: China, Ghana, Malawi and Sierra Leone, in support to the United Nation Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD). This nationwide program was the first of its kind in Liberia. At the beginning of the 2018–2019 academic year, the foundation committed more than \$10 million Liberian Dollars during that year to fund tuition scholarships and mentoring program for more than 1,500 females commencing from grade 7 to university. To today's date, the Foundation had committed little over 300,000 USD in the recent 5 years to fund scholarships for more than 7,000 females among whom more than 2,000 have graduated from high school and are pursuing higher education while others have earned their first degree. This year the Foundation has disbursed over 5 million Liberian Dollar and more than 25,000 USD to the all of it partner schools both nationally and internationally.

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The tables below illustrate the number of JSF Scholarship beneficiaries for this academic year:

Figure 1: JSF Beneficiaries in 15 Counties across Liberia

COUNTIES	2022 -2023 ACADEMIC YEAR	
	Total # of Students	Total # of Schools
BOMI	155	5
BONG	200	23
GBARPOLU	102	5
GRAND BASSA	100	5
GRAND CAPE MOUNT	125	7
GRAND GEDEH	151	10
GRAND KRU	120	4
LOFA	130	6
MARGIBI	182	5
MARYLAND	110	4
MONTSERRADO	235	35
NIMBA	135	7
RIVER CESS	120	4
RIVER GEE	125	7
SINOE	140	6
TOTAL	2130	133

Figure 2: JSF Beneficiaries Enrolled at Universities/Colleges & Vocational Schools

Colleges/Universities (LIBERIA)	2022 -2023 ACADEMIC YEAR	
	Total # of Students	Total # of Schools
UNITED METHODIST UNIVERSITY	7	1
A.M.E. ZION UNIVERSITY	2	1
SMYTHE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE	5	1
CENSIL UNIVERSITY	2	1
AFRICA METHODIST EPISCOPAL UNIVERSITY	15	1
STELLA MARIS POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	4	1
UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA	15	1
CUTTINGTON UNIVERSITY	5	1
BOMI COMMUNITY COLLEGE	5	1
BASSA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	4	1
BONG TECHNICAL COLLEGE	1	1
MABEL MCCOMBS COLLEGE	3	1
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS	9	9
TOTAL	77	21

Figure 3: JSF INTERNATIONAL BENEFICIARIES

INTERNATIONAL	2022 -2023 ACADEMIC YEAR	
	Total # of Students	Total # of Schools
Ghana	22	1
Malawi	15	1
Sierra Leone	18	1
China	1	1
TOTAL	56	4

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your unselfish contribution to youth education, especially females. With your support, we will be able obtain our goals by empowering female with the necessary tools needed in the 21st century to reach their full potential.

We have always believed that supporting female education would move the world in a peaceful and healthy direction in our communities and provide a space of social protection and inclusion.

We are very honored and blessed to have you and your family as our sponsors. Thank you again for your generous support as we look forward to working with you.

*Thank
You*