MISSION STATEMENT:

Supporting the academically sound but financially handicapped children of Mankon, Cameroon by way of Scholarship and Education

ABOUT US:

The Mankon Forum Scholarship Initiative (MFSI) is an organization open to sons, daughters and well wishers of Mankon, that seek to encourage education through scholarship and academic support for the benefit of Children from Mankon, Cameroon and ultimately the world. Our organization has as its main objective to identify and provide scholarships to the academically strong but financially handicapped sons and daughters of Mankon. The scholarship recipients are enrolled into GHS Mankon, a secondary institution of learning in Cameroon. Our goal is to sponsor our recipients through the end of their first cycle education (total of FIVE years) as long as they maintain academic eligibility. Thus at full capacity, MFSI will be supporting fifty (50) students on a yearly basis.

BACKGROUND:

Mankon has a significant number of primary, secondary as well as high schools. Mankon boasts of some of the best schools that train citizens of Cameroon who have successfully found careers in different works of life. Not only does Mankon host these schools, it also has produced some of the best and brightest minds in the country. We acknowledge that education will continue to be the foremost in empowerment. Unfortunately, a great proportion of our fellow citizens are being left behind primarily due to financial constraints. As such, this has established a vicious cycle of poverty intertwined with under-education and illiteracy. Our goal will be to ease the pain of those children who have demonstrated extraordinary academic abilities but do not have adequate financial means of furthering their educational goals.
HISTORY:

MFSI has been a long standing conception and aspiration of Fausta Ditah, our current chairman. In 2006, our index member and founder, started putting ink to paper and MFSI was borned. MFSI became a registered entity under the laws of the State of Michigan in the US. Soon after registration, a board of directors were recruited and sent to work. By November 2007, MFSI had received word from IRS about its eligibility as a 501(c)3 organization under the laws of the USA. We quickly followed with the design and approval of the scholarship application forms that had since been used with minor modifications for the recruitment of Scholarship recipients. Our first application cycle was launched in November 2007 and the response was very satisfactory. Following rigorous reviews and conferences, we agreed on a set of selection criteria that were utilized in assigning points and recruiting the index scholarship class. Ten (10) students were ultimately recruited and enrolled into GHS Mankon with the start of the 2008/2009 academic year. In 2009, MFSI had a similar sense of enthusiasm and our second class was successfully recruited and enrolled into GHS Mankon. Our goal is to continue the annual recruitment of Ten (10) of the finest young talents in Mankon and sponsor them over a five year span as long as they meet renewal requirements. We are actively recruiting the 2010 enrollment class. Our scholars have demonstrated incredible academic skills in very difficult environments. Some of our most hardworking scholars are orphans.

Currently, MFSI has continued its drive to raise funds in order to stay sustainable. We also continue to grow in membership and have stayed very positive about the future. MFSI wants acknowledge its internet experts and volunteers that continue to work with us in an attempt to foster our mission while incurring minimal cost. We are forever grateful and indebted to all our volunteers. In addition, I want to take a moment and thank all of our well wishers, supporters and donors. Without you, MFSI would have been an abandoned dream. You have partnered with us and in the process, you have given a child a chance at education that would have otherwise been a farfetched dream.

PICTURES:

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FUTURE DIRECTION:

In 2009, MFSI and its board voted to recognize our generous donors. As such, MFSI started naming its scholars in honor of donations designated for particular purposes. Donors can name a scholar for a year or for the full duration of scholarship. MFSI also looks to launch the community service component of the scholarship initiative within the next two years. Our goal would be to use our scholars in a way that does not compromise their freedom. We hope to engage the scholars in leadership skills and public health education. In addition, we anticipate opening a Scholars library in the near future to enrich the academic experience.

MFSI continues to look for financial resources to accomplish its mission and vision. We continue to actively seek out donors and hope our well-wishers would consider supporting us generously.

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If you would like to learn more about the activities of MFSI, please visit our official website: [www.mankonscholarships.org](http://www.mankonscholarships.org) You can reach us by email at [mankonforum@yahoo.com](mailto:mankonforum@yahoo.com) By phone at (734)7098776.

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