

## Application for Sponsor-A-Student

Select a student. If you prefer, let a Sponsor-A-Student volunteer select a student for you. Photos and bios are available on our parish website: <http://stbridgetchurch.org/>

### Complete the form below

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I wish to sponsor a new student: \$350/yr
- I wish to renew our commitment: \$350/yr
- I am willing to co-sponsor with \_\_\_\_\_ for \$175 per year

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the NAM-TAS student scholarship fund.

- One time                       Biannual
- Quarterly                       Annual

My donation will be matched by my employer:

Employer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Notes:

Return along with your payment. Checks payable to: St. Bridget Church. Mark 'NAMTAS Sponsor-A-Student'.

St. Bridget Church  
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Seattle, WA 98105

## Did you know?

**Population of Malawi:** over 15 million

**Size:** (about the size of Pennsylvania)

**Population Density:** 393 people per square mile, of 85% people live in rural areas

**Life expectancy:** 50.03 years\*

**Staple Food:** Maize (Nsmia)

**Native Language:** Chichewa, English

**Annual Income:** \$600 US dollars per year; 55% of the population lives on < \$1 per day

\*HIV/AIDS currently affects 11.9% of the population in Malawi. One in seven adults has the disease. The epidemic has heavily affected children. In 2009 an estimated 111,510 children in Malawi were living with HIV, and around half a million children had been orphaned by AIDS.

On behalf of the students at NAMTAS and on behalf of St. Bridget Parish, Zikomo Kwambiri:  
**Thank you for your generosity and support!**

### Questions?

Please contact:  
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## Sponsor-A-Student NAMTAS:

Namitembo Trade and  
Agriculture School

St. Bridget Parish  
Seattle, WA



In support of our  
Sister Parish  
Namitembo Mission  
Malawi, Africa

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(Chinese Proverb)

## Our Mission-Education

In 1997 St. Bridget Parish signed an agreement with Namitembo Parish in Malawi to form a Sister Parish relationship.

From the beginning, we have focused on education as the key to helping people overcome poverty. Namitembo Trade and Agricultural School (NAMTAS) was established in 2004, and construction was completed recently. The official dedication took place in April 2010. Currently, NAMTAS offers courses in carpentry, masonry, tailoring and computer skills.

The Sponsor-A-Student (SAS) program aims to support students in learning marketable skills that will provide them a source of income, lift them above their daily struggles, and encourage self-sustainability.



**DUNCAN MWABANANJE** was a carpentry/joinery student who completed one year at NAMTAS (2007) and received a Grade III Certificate from the National Trade Test.

## NAMTAS

The Sponsor-A-Student program strives to fulfill our covenant by giving financial support that provides hope for the future of Namitembo. The SAS program also seeks to strengthen our sister parish relationship by creating personal connections with individual students and fostering solidarity.



**JENNIFER LIWONDE** was a carpentry/joinery student for two years at NAMTAS (2007-2008) where she earned Grade III and Grade II certificates. Given the opportunity, she would be very interested in taking Grade I classes if and when they are offered.

## Giving

Now that NAMTAS is operational, it is time to reconsider our commitments to help fund education for NAMTAS students. For less than \$350 per year (less than \$1 per day), you can make a difference to a student striving to make a better life for themselves and their family. Your donation will make tuition,



books and supplies, and living expenses affordable.

## Common Questions:

Q: How is my donation distributed to the student?

A: Denny wires the funds to Fr. Owen, for distribution.

Q: Is there student/sponsor communication?

A: Students are encouraged to write a progress report that will be passed on to their sponsors. SAS is not only about education, it is about relationships.

