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BASKEBALL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Overview:

Basketball Scholarship Program is designed to support young athletes who develop exceptional basketball skills as well as leadership qualities with the opportunity to receive bursaries/scholarships awarded to our TBA Basketball scholars program so they can pursue their education in secondary and at tertiary level and further support them for potential careers in basketball or other fields of their choosing.

Tooro Basketball Academy Foundation is a non-profit organisation based in Fortportal. TBA is working together with communities, schools and multi-stakeholders in effort to introduce and promote basketball in Rwenzori region among the children/youth and develop Basketball opportunities for the next generation athletes.

Mission:

To develop well-rounded student-athletes by providing financial and educational support to those who excel in basketball and maintain academic excellence. We aim to nurture their talents on the court while fostering personal growth, discipline and academic achievement. Our goal is to introduce basketball and support Children and the Youth through comprehensive Basketball programs that will foster their growth and social development, train and develop fundamental skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, life skills and a passion for the love of the game.

The Opportunities and Benefits

It is through our experiences that we understand the benefits of sports reach far beyond the impact on physical well-being.

TBA facilitates Coaching and Training programmes to introduce and teach basics and rules of Basketball using comprehensive sports-based programs. As more youth and children participate in the game, they are presented with opportunities for scholarship/bursaries for the talented youth to high schools and universities, opportunities to participate in competitive games, increase enrolment in school. Education is a transformative tool in changing the lives of children, families, and communities. Playing Basketball can also be a driving tool towards opportunities presented to the athletes at different stages.

Programs delivered by our trainers and coaches, mentors as well as service partners teach fundamental skills as well as the core values of the game at the grassroots level, enhance and support growth and access to opportunities for young players as well as use sports to transform communities.

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Scholarship Benefits:

- I. Full or Partial Tuition Coverage;
Scholarships may cover full or partial tuition for training at the designated school/institution
- II. Educational Support;
Scholarship recipients will receive tutoring and academic support to ensure success in their academic studies
- III. Development and Training;
Access basketball training camps and access sports development programs.
- IV. Tournament Participation;
Opportunity to participate in local, regional, national basketball tournaments gaining exposure to scouts and potential school/institution recruiters.
- V. Mentorship Program;
Personal mentorship from coaches, former professional players and sports psychologists to help with the mental and emotional aspects of the game.
- VI. Access Career Pathways programs;

Assistance with application to schools/institutions or professional basketball programs after completing their studies

In-School Program (Primary Schools)

This Program focuses on teaching basketball basic skills, developing leadership and improving physical activity. Coaches conduct drills to emphasize Basketball fundamentals and rules, maximize training and support beginners improve their game in a fun and inclusive learning environment. Program sessions include skill development as well as gameplay to allow young athletes to apply their skills in a game situation. There are scholarship opportunities for those joining secondary school.

Partnerships

The partnerships have enabled some of our athletes to secure full or half scholarships at University and secondary schools. Through the basketball scholars' program, TBA will enhance and support more young people to access opportunities and also promote social mobility through education.

Academy Development programs scheduled throughout the calendar year include: non-residential Basketball Camps, Capacity Building Clinics for Coaches and Trainees, Elite Training for Player Development Pathway program, In-school Mini League, Tooro League, Girls Play Time – A Girls Basketball development program, Tooro Kids League, plus many more.

These programs require financial support to facilitate academy programs and development costs, resources as well as trainers/coach's facilitation.

TBA is working on introducing basketball to more local schools and strategic community public spaces. This is a good tool to support grassroots skills development and growth among the young people in Fortportal, Kabarole, Kamwenge, Kyegegwa, Kyenjojo, Kasese, Bunyangabu District. This will also support growth of talent, social growth and harness the power of sports to transform communities.



Nyakasura Girl's Basketball team



Cross Section of TBA program Trainees at Nyakasura School. TBA In-school Program



TBA program Trainees at Boma Basketball Facility.
A Mixture of Students - TBA Outreach Program



One of TBA program Coaches and Trainee Coaches



TBA Mini League event for Trainees at Boma Basketball Court

A Mixture of Students from various schools in Rwenzori - TBA Outreach Program (St Leo's, Nyakasura School, Mpanga, Fortportal SS, FINS medical)



TBA Holiday Basketball Camp at Boma Basketball court. TBA Kids Program (Ages 7 – 12)