

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

EDUCATION POLICY

Title: Education financial assistance Guidelines for poor and vulnerable families.

Objectives:

The financial assistance is aimed at facilitating attainment of basic education or skills that prepare a young person for life.

This assistance will therefore not cover primary education since primary education in Zambia is free.

Persons to be covered by the scheme:

All young people in Zambia in grade 8 to 12 and those in skills training institutions, college or university, provided they are in the following categories.

1. Orphans
2. Young people below 25 years from poor families, old parents, disabled parents
3. Support will not be given to more than 2 young people in each family
4. Grants will be given equally to each of the provinces annually
5. Rural areas will be given preference
6. These grants will be given at the start of each academic year in January
7. Those that are given these grants will be supported up to the end of grade 12 or the end of their skills training; college or university studies provided they do not fail
8. The conditions of education assistance will be reviewed from time to time. However 5 to 10 grants may be given to each province annually.

Identification process:

1. Get information from School authorities if client (pupil) is already in school
 - 1.1. If it is a new entrant, get the ACCEPTANCE letter which bears the school requirements
2. Scrutinize family status to establish the causes of failure to meet school needs
3. In case of higher learning institutions (University, College, Trades Training Institutes, etc.) details of what Bursaries being offered must be obtained.

Mode of payments

1. The grant will be paid through the school by the Treasurer and a receipt obtained
2. The National Treasurer will make a separate Financial Report on the Education Fund quarterly, copy made available to Dublin Regional Council.
3. In case of higher learning institutions, payments will be made direct, through the Registrar or Bursar of the institution.

Follow up:

1. End of term or semester progress reports must be obtained
2. In case of failing at school, the National Council will stop grants to affected persons.