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ASEC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Evaluation Report



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On the Cover: Scholarship recipients in Lesotho attend Orientation in August 2025.

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ASEC Scholarship Program

2025 Program Evaluation Key Outcomes (January 2026)



3 OBJECTIVES



Provide opportunities for **Catholic sisters** to obtain **secondary and postsecondary education degrees**.



Increase sisters' competencies in their fields, toward **greater effectiveness in accomplishing their ministries**.



Ensure sisters qualify to **continue their education** after obtaining their secondary school or college diploma/certificate.

KEY OUTCOME FIGURES

1,232

Total Scholarships Awarded

Top Fields of Study:
1. Secondary Level
2. Education
3. Medical Sciences

149

Congregations Served

Faculty Stipends:
0 Distributed to the Bigwa Secondary School in Tanzania

892

Graduates

Credentials Earned:
380 Secondary
260 Diplomas
226 Certificates
24 Bachelors
2 Doctorates

PROGRAM SUCCESSES

Orientation Satisfaction

100%

of sisters (N = 67) in 2025 reported that Orientation met or exceeded their expectations.

Use of Education in Ministry

100%

of sisters (N = 80) report being able to utilize the knowledge and skills they acquired from the program to benefit their ministry.

Overall Retention Rate

97%

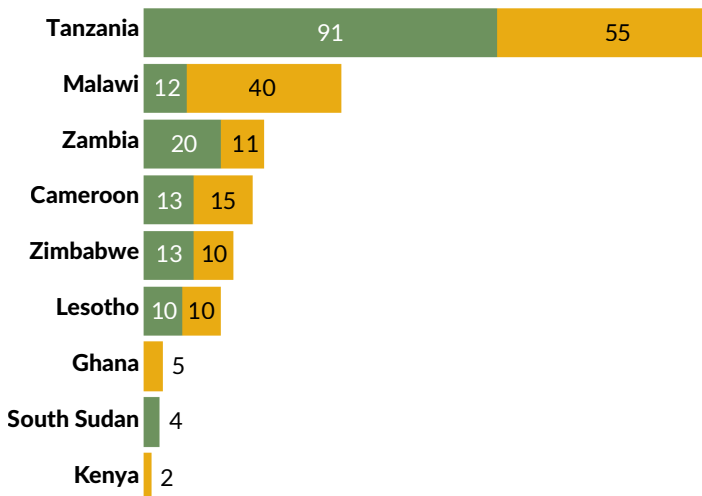
is the current overall retention rate of scholarship recipients (N = 1,232).

Continuing Education Qualification

81%

of sisters (N = 85) report qualifying to continue their education after completion of the Scholarship Program.

A total of 311 annual scholarships have been awarded to 163 **new** and 148 **returning** recipients since the last reporting period.



PROGRAM GROWTH



South Sudan

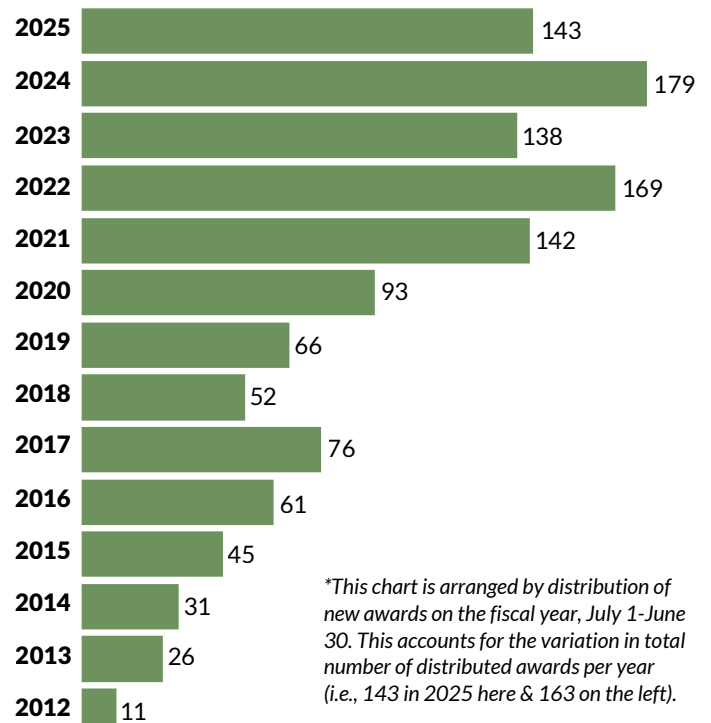
Expansion of the Scholarship Program to South Sudan brings the number of countries served to nine. Four sisters have been awarded scholarships in South Sudan thus far.



Expanded Degree Offerings

Outside of the secondary/form level, new scholarship recipients (2025) are studying in 66 distinct degree/certificate/ diploma programs in a total of 10 general fields of study. In addition, two sisters are now being supported at the masters level and doctoral support has expanded to Tanzania.

Over the last 14 years, as of January 31, 2026, a total of 1,232 scholarships have been awarded at various levels of study.



*This chart is arranged by distribution of new awards on the fiscal year, July 1-June 30. This accounts for the variation in total number of distributed awards per year (i.e., 143 in 2025 here & 163 on the left).

ASEC Scholarship Program

2025 Evaluation Report Executive Summary



Data collected in 2025 indicates that the **ASEC Scholarship program has nearly met all program objectives, only missing one anticipated output.** Although some long-term program outcomes require continued monitoring, there is evidence that these will continue to be realized in the coming years. Further, evaluation results demonstrate that the Scholarship Program is a vibrant, rapidly-expanding, initiative that is clearly aligned with ASEC's mission.

Since initiation of the program in 2012 (as of January 31, 2026), the ASEC Scholarship Program has grown to serve **1,178** unique sisters and women from **149** distinct congregations. Sisters and women served by the program have enrolled at a total of **261** educational institutions (schools, institutes, colleges, and universities) across the nine countries served by the program.

For the 2025 reporting period, the program has awarded **311** annual scholarships. Of these awards, 163 were provided to newly-enrolled students (including 4 lay women) and 148 were distributed to returning students (including 8 lay women). One-hundred and twenty-seven (127) awards were distributed to students studying at the secondary level, while 184 were distributed at the postsecondary level.

In 2025, a total of 80 scholarship recipients completed the Scholarship End of Experience Survey. In this survey, **all respondents (100%, N = 80) strongly or somewhat agreed that they will be able to utilize the knowledge and skills they acquired from their educational program to benefit their ministry.** In addition, **35% (n = 892) of all scholarship graduates have been able to continue their education** through an ASEC-sponsored program.

ASEC Scholarship Program 2025 **successes** include: continued high enrollment rates, expansion to South Sudan, and distribution of a new ASEC Scholarship Alumnae Survey. **Challenges** encountered in 2025 included recruitment of new recipients in Ghana, funding for faculty stipends at the Bigwa Secondary School, and training new staff on Scholarship policies.

OUTPUTS + OUTCOMES



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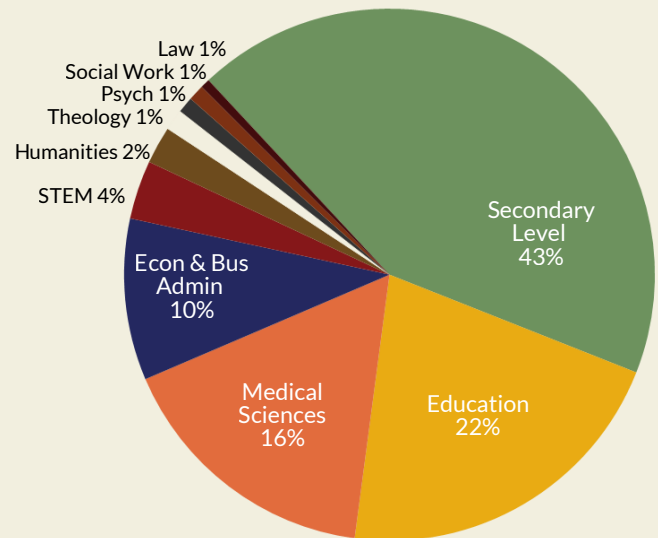
scholarship recipients attended Orientation & all recipients received Welcome Packet.



100%

of sisters (N = 67) in 2025 reported that the Orientation met or exceeded their expectations.

Overall, certificates/diplomas/degrees have been awarded in **10 general fields of study** (N = 1,232).



Building a Nation: Civil Engineering in Cameroon Sr. Wirba Blandine Kinyuy, SSA

Scholarship Institution: National Polytechnic University Institute
Scholarship Credentials: Diploma in Civil Engineering Technology
Graduated: July 2025

Sr. Wirba Blandine Kinyuy of the Sisters of St. Ann (SSA) is a trailblazer, not only at ASEC but in her ministry, community, and country. She is the first ASEC-sponsored sister to pursue studies in civil engineering, breaking new ground in a field where women remain significantly underrepresented.

Sr. Wirba believes that “passion and curiosity to effect change, led by God’s grace, can drive us beyond mere imaginations.” For Sr. Wirba, civil engineering is not simply about constructing buildings—it is about building a nation. Through faith, education, and determination, she is contributing to the growth and development of Cameroon.



ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT