

## Meet Emmanuel Chola



**Emmanuel Chola**

<b>Profile</b>	
<b>Name</b>	Emmanuel Chola Junior
<b>Birthday</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2006
<b>Birth Place</b>	Lusaka, Zambia
<b>Area of Residence</b>	Chaisa Compound
<b>Father's Name</b>	Emmanuel Chola Sr
<b>Father's Profession</b>	Security Guard
<b>Mother's Name</b>	Florence Chola
<b>Mother's Profession</b>	Unemployed
<b>Primary School</b>	Ngwelele Primary School

### Emmanuel's Family Background

Emmanuel lives in Chaisa compound with his parents and four siblings. Though his father, Emmanuel Sr., only completed school up until Grade 5, he understands the importance of education and is committed to seeing Emmanuel finish his secondary school. After dropping out of school, his father moved to Lusaka from Kasama his hometown, where he moved from job to job, working wherever he could find some form of income until eventually he became a security guard. On the other hand, Emmanuel's mother has never attained any form of education. Unfortunately, none of his older siblings have made it to secondary school due to lack of financial support from the family. Both older siblings dropped out of school in Grade 8. Emmanuel's family would love to see him beat the family curse and actually attain a quality high school education. Their financial turmoil is further complicated by his mother's unemployment, making his father the sole provider of the family, on a minimum wage salary.

## **Educational Background**

Since grade one, Emmanuel has attended Ngwelele Primary School and despite his family's financial status he has proven to be an outstanding pupil, always ranking top of his class. His love for Mechanics explains why Science, Mathematics and English are his favorite subjects.

## **Extracurricular Activities**

'I am a soccer lover who enjoys the thrills and passion that the game provides.' Emmanuel finds peace and an outlet to a whole new world when he is on the field; the interaction he gets with soccer gives him more than pleasure because it also acts as a mechanism for stress relief. He believes in his uniqueness as a person, and his active participation in drama, debate, poetry and voluntary work at his local clinic illustrate his unique combination.

## **His Thoughts**

Emmanuel has always dreamed of becoming a pilot or a mechanical engineer. His love for Mathematics and Science has been ignited by the desire to pursue the mentioned career paths. He is intrigued by problems, and the ability to solve them provides the perfect challenge. His desire is to move the family to a better place because he feels the neighborhood is not safe, especially for his father, who works as a security guard at a local firm in the community.

He explained that the community experiences a high spike of crime rate during the night and most of the offenders are those children who don't go to school because their parents can't afford to pay their tuition fees. He has a vision of building more schools that will be centered on helping community children, especially those coming from vulnerable homes. He believes this initiative will make them useful members of society as opposed to taking part in wrong activities such as the current crime experienced in his community. Emmanuel also sees this initiative as an opportunity for his sisters to complete their secondary education.

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