

## Meet Isaac Mulenga



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### Profile

<b>Name</b>	Isaac Mulenga
<b>Birthday</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2006
<b>Birth Place</b>	Lusaka, Zambia
<b>Area of Residence</b>	BP 02/06 Misisi Compound
<b>Father's Name</b>	Webby Mulenga
<b>Father's Profession</b>	Basket Marker
<b>Mother's Name</b>	Annie Nafikwe
<b>Mother's Profession</b>	Teacher
<b>Primary School</b>	St. Lawrence Primary School

### Isaac's Family Background

Isaac lives with both parents and two siblings, he is the youngest. The 1<sup>st</sup> born is 18 years old and the 2<sup>nd</sup> born is 16 years old. Isaac's father grew up in the Copperbelt Province of Zambia, where his father was a miner. Unfortunately, Isaac's father could not finish his high school education due to the death of his father. Isaac's mother completed high school and further went on to attend college and became a teacher. Isaac's father was a very bright student, excelling during his national grade 7 examinations but the unfortunate death of Mr. Mulenga's father meant that he lost the financial support to complete school, Mr. Mulenga does not want the same fate for his son. He stresses the importance of an education to Isaac and draws examples on their struggles as a consequence of not completing his education. Their family income is dependent on the ability of the father to find new customers for his basket weaving business. Although being a teacher by profession, Isaac's mother is currently unemployed.

## **Educational Background**

Isaac attended St. Lawrence primary school in Kamwala South, of Lusaka. He has been a high achieving student since grade one through grade seven and is currently the class monitor, tasked with ensuring that his peers are acting in accordance with school policies.

## **Extracurricular Activities**

Outside class, Isaac enjoys singing and acting. He is deeply engaged at church, providing any assistance where the need arises. He recently took part in a church talent show, where he was awarded best actor and was a runner-up in the singing competition.

In addition, he enjoys playing soccer with his peers on the weekends and gets a valuable lesson on the importance of team work. In the past, he always had fears of letting down his teammates through making mistakes while on the football field but due to constant practice sessions, he has become a better player and has drawn another lesson: that it is imperative to fail or make mistakes in order to learn and grow as a human being.

## **His Thoughts**

Isaac is the only applicant this year that stated he wanted to be a midwife, due to the high number of teenage pregnancies that occur in his neighborhood. He has observed that many girls give birth at home without the appropriate tools and proper procedures. This has motivated him to become a midwife after he graduates from college.

In line with his desire to help others in his community, Isaac is also eager in helping his own family. His creativity and analytical thinking skills are quite amazing. He came up with a way of assisting his family, by starting a backyard vegetable garden which aimed at cutting down costs spent on household vegetables. He also loves to assist with house chores because he believes these duties should not only be left to women. He is a big supporter of gender equality.