

Meet Rachael Phiri



Profile

Name	Rachael Phiri
Birthday	August 2 nd , 2005
Birth Place	Lusaka, Zambia
Area of Residence	Libala South
Grandfather's Name	Lyson Zulu
Grandfather's Profession	Builder
Mother's Name	Chosa Zulu
Grandmother's Profession	Sells cassava and groundnuts
Primary School	St. Lawrence Primary School
2020 Grade Level	Grade 8
Secondary School	Chalo Trust School

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Rachael's Family

Rachael lives with her mother and grandfather, as her father abandoned the family when she was one and a half years old. Her mother is one of six children. She works as a seller of cassava and groundnuts, which is dependent on season. Meanwhile her grandfather works as a builder, however business does not come consistently. Rachael's brother, uncle and cousins also stay in the family home. Her family believes that Rachael is ambitious and very accomplished and do not want her to be held back due to financial lack.

Rachael's Educational Background

Rachael began attending St. Lawrence Primary School in Grade 6. Her favorite subject is Science. She gave a detailed explanation of the planet earth's ability to support human life. She also performed exceptionally well on the KF exam – coming out fifth with 258 out of

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400 points. Her Grade 7 national exam results demonstrated her continued academic success, she scored 771 out of 900.

Rachael's Extracurricular Interests

Rachael enjoys singing and composing songs. She even sung a song by herself for interview panelists during the KF group interviews. In school, she was also a member of the Tourism Club.

Honors, Awards and Certificates:

- Passing #1 and #2 throughout primary school
- Class monitress

Rachael's Thoughts

Amongst challenges that presented themselves as a result of having an absent father, Rachael has learned to lean on her relationship with her mother and become comfortable with her family dynamic. In secondary school, Rachael is looking forward to developing her leadership skills. She notes that she understands the challenges that come with leadership and is prepared to take up those challenges even at a new school.

She describes herself as open and friendly – she even made friends with students from other schools during the KF recruitment exam. Rachael is excited about the KF scholarship as it increases the chances of going to university in order to do community health or become an astronaut.