

Meet Sherise Zulu



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Profile

Name	Sherise Zulu
Birthday	April 25, 2006
Birth Place	Lusaka, Zambia
Area of Residence	Misisi
Mother's Name	Memory Mwalenga
Mother's Profession	Sells tomatoes and vegetables
Father's Name	Ashelly Zulu
Father's Profession	Security Guard at G4S
Primary School	Lotus Primary School
2020 Grade Level	Grade 8
Secondary School	Pestalozzi Education Centre

Sherise's Family

Sherise lives in a neighborhood of Lusaka called Misisi with her parents and her two siblings. Her mother, Memory, was previously selling vegetables until business flopped. Meanwhile, her father, Ashelly, works as a security guard under security agency G4S. Her father completed Grade 10 in Lufunsa and relocated to Lusaka in 2008 in search of job opportunities. Sherise's siblings both completed primary school. Even still, her father is committed to ensuring Sherise receives a proper education. He hopes that one day, Sherise will have reached a level of stability that allows her to live independently and have freedom to make her own decisions. "My investment is through my children," he commented during home interviews. Sherise's family says it is known that she is motivated and she has a clear picture of what she hopes to accomplish in the future.

Sherise's Educational Background

Sherise attended primary school at Lotus Primary, where she often passed number one in her class. She passed number six out of all students who wrote the KF exam, with her highest

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score in English. She not only receives exceptional results but communicates confidently. Both during group interviews and the KF exam, Sherise naturally commanded attention with her articulate speech. Sherise scored 779 out of 900 points on her Grade 7 national exam, the third highest score in the KF 2020 intake.

Sherise's Extracurricular Interests

Outside of her academics, Sherise is active Dreams, Y-Teen and especially in her church. In addition to serving in the children's ministry, she sings and does poetry in church. Her poetry group has even come number one in poetry competitions. Though she did not participate in athletics in primary school, this is an area where Sherise is looking forward to growing as a KF scholar.

In addition, at home Sherise is very proactive in taking care of the home. Often, when she notices her mother is tired she takes full ownership of household duties and asks her mother to rest.

Honors, Awards, Certificates:

- Passing #1 throughout primary school
- Class monitress from Grades 5 to 7

Sherise's Thoughts

Sherise is a women's rights advocate. She is very committed to early pregnancy prevention. During interviews, she spoke at length about the rights to education that pregnant women have through the government. She is confident that she will help to break the pattern of pregnant woman discontinuing their educational ambitions.

Sherise herself is driven to complete her studies because she wants to take care of her family one day. She admires those who are able to build a house for their parents. She believes that KF alumni serve as great examples of young people who work hard, and she expects to continue to be motivated by other KF scholars.