

Scholarship and Internship Initiatives

The new initiatives include a 4-year scholarship for students and both job internships and career planning/experience. Students will be eligible for either or both and will be chosen by the staff of the Learning Center. As you may imagine, guaranteed financial support for 4 years of education and/or direct mentored job experience/career development are two critical additions for our students in their pursuit of a better, transformed life.

The 4-year scholarship will supply annually between \$550(US) and \$1,200 (US) to students, depending on the educational level and need. Donors will receive updates and meet students who receive scholarships. Receipt of the scholarship requires parental involvement, and includes formative components such as career awareness, personal finance, employment skills & CV preparation, interview skills and other soft skills. *One donor has “seeded” this fund with \$3,500 (US) to get started. Please contribute so that we may make this a meaningful effort. Parent/guardian participation is an important element in this effort.*

Currently three local businesses are helping pilot the Job Internship Program. Managed by a coordinator at The Learning Center specific goals and objectives for each student will be developed with the local business and students will receive training in: career awareness, personal finance, employment skills & CV preparation, interview skills and other soft skills. On average the internships will last 4 or 6 months with a local business and include regular reviews of progress. For older students who are required to perform social service upon graduation, the fund will help pay for their

expenses. Where appropriate, insurance will be purchased to cover their participation with a business.

A stipend to the student will range from \$430 to \$1,300 per year, depending on the circumstances and need. FOLC has pledged \$4,000 to “seed” this effort. *Please contribute what you are able to make this a success. Donors will receive regular updates and have a chance to meet the students involved.*