

# SUSAN AITCHISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND



September 2025 student meeting

With Teshale, Fund Manager

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The scholarship fund has now been running for 16 years. We started in September 2009 supporting 10 young people. At this point in time, 125 young people have received support from the fund. It is very rewarding for me to see so many of these youngsters now educated, in employment, married and with their own young children who will certainly access and value the importance of education.

In September 2024 we were supporting 48 students. In 2025, 5 have graduated from University, 2 have graduated from College and one student has decided to work rather than attend college. This meant we started in September 2025 with 40 students. We have accepted 2 new students so are now supporting 42 during this academic year.....

8 are in University

10 are at College

24 are in the school system

In 2024/25 we have paid out 1,287,046 Birr which is the equivalent of approximately £9,000. The devaluation of the Ethiopian currency makes the exchange rate for the pound very good. It has therefore been decided to increase the monthly student payments from 2,000 birr to 2,500 birr. (still approximately £18 ).

As always, my grateful thanks to the teams of people who give their time and their expertise to keep the fund operating. Thanks to June, Margaret, Joan and Sandra who keep everything running in Scotland, Thanks to Tefera, Teshale and Habtamu who keep everything running in Ethiopia. Thanks to Simon, in London who donates his time and computing skills to keep the website updated. Thanks to Isobel for verifying our annual accounts.

A special thank you to Getnet Adane. He has been supported by the fund and now has a masters degree in software engineering. He has always been a big support to Teshale in the management of the programme. This year he has agreed to work with me on the annual report and will gradually take on more responsibility.

Many thanks for all your support to the fund. The number of young people we can support is directly related to the money in the bank. A special thank you to those who have set up a standing order as that gives us the confidence of monthly money coming in. The website also gives you a direct link into 'Just Giving'.

A HUGE thank you to my friend, Doris Hogan, who has supported the fund since we started in 2009. In June, in the south of France, she ran an Ethiopian day followed by an auction of items donated by her artistic friends. An amazing 2385 Euros went into the fund.

*Susan Aitchison*

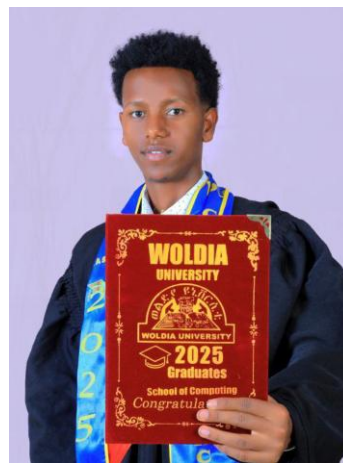
# CONGRATULATIONS to the 2025 GRADUATES



Tigist Adnew  
BSc in Pharmacist



Rahel Birhanu  
TVET level 4 database



Aweke Addise  
BSC Computer science



Tseganew Telake  
BA in Economics



Hailu Wendimnew  
BSC in Law



Bizuye Tsegaw  
BA in Accounting



Tigist Nega  
TVET college  
Diploma in agriculture

## STUDENTS in UNIVERSITY



Moges Fentaw  
Weldia University  
3<sup>rd</sup> year  
Water Engineering



Moges Habtamu  
Debank university  
4th year  
Agro economics



Bimr Debash  
Kotbie University  
3<sup>rd</sup> year  
leadership & management



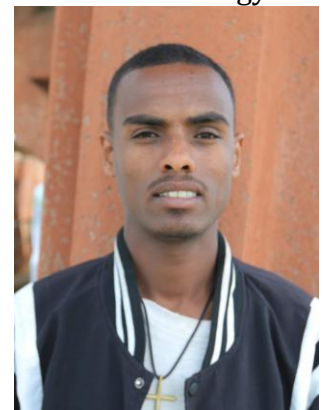
Getu Biset  
Weldia university  
3<sup>rd</sup> year  
Bio technology



Addis Birara  
Debretabor university  
3<sup>rd</sup> year  
Computer science



Tewodrose Mogoos  
Woldia university  
4th year  
Law



Getasew Ayalew  
Bahir Dar University  
3<sup>rd</sup> year  
Material science & Engineering

## COLLEGE STUDENTS



Destaye Molla  
Desie Dream college  
3<sup>rd</sup> year  
Accounting



Getasew Destaye  
Admas university college  
2<sup>nd</sup> year  
Computer Science



Tringo Abera  
Yeju college  
3<sup>rd</sup> year  
Accounting level 4



Yordanose mulate  
Debre tabor poly technical college  
2<sup>nd</sup> year  
level 5



Betelhem Debash  
TVET College level 4  
3<sup>rd</sup> year  
Data base



Gashaw Birara  
Dessie college  
1<sup>st</sup> year  
Accounting diploma

## PREPARATORY SCHOOL Grade 12



Gebeya Adane



Yirga Habte



Tesfa Abebe



Meseret Amare

## PREPARATORY SCHOOL Grade 11



Selamawit Mareg



Tafetu kassa



Temesgin Nega

## HIGH SCHOOL Grade 10



**Eyob Birhanu**

## HIGH SCHOOL Grade 9



**Birku Mengist**



**Redeat Asefa**



**Yohannes Shambel**



**Mahlet Tesfaye**



**Kiriwoyna Abebe**

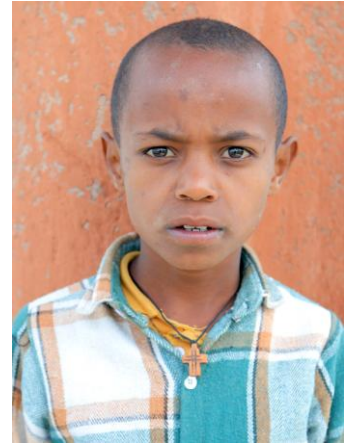
# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Yihanse Tadesse  
Grade 4



Meya Melkamu  
KG 3



Biruk Menbere  
Grade 4



Melkam Alemu  
Grade 4



Chernet Fentaye  
Grade 8



Yisaq Molla  
Grade 7



Asrebeb Tareke  
Grade 8



Yalew Sewbihon  
Grade 8



Tamru Jegnie Fentie  
Grade 7

The Bude Methodist church, in England, is continuing its sponsorship of young people studying in the medical field. The Susan Aitchison scholarship fund is managing payments to the students on their behalf.



Lidiya Tadesse Desie  
Alkan college  
1<sup>st</sup>year  
Nursing diploma



Zuriash Abebe  
Addis Ababa university  
3<sup>rd</sup>year  
Dental Medicine



Fetlework Mekonen  
Woldia Northeast College  
3<sup>rd</sup>year  
Laboratory



Temesgin Baye  
Bahir Dar Alkan college  
3<sup>rd</sup>year  
Nursing



Mekides Muluye  
Woldia Northeast college  
1<sup>st</sup>year  
Nursing diploma