



## **KLF's All Star Student-Athlete Mentorship Program** *...empowering student-athletes to succeed on & off the court!*



Kerosene Lamp Foundation (KLF) has developed a mentorship program to turn promising young basketball players in St. Vincent & the Grenadines (SVG) into successful student-athletes increasing their chances for scholarships and a higher education.

### **Program Description**

Through the All Star Student-Athlete (ASA) Program, KLF will foster an elite corps of student-athletes in SVG that are competitive candidates for athletic and academic scholarships to high school and college. Selected youths will commit to free mentorship program comprised of a year-round Saturday learning program that teaches basketball and provides individual academic tutoring. Our curriculum will teach youths to set goals and how to attain them through hard work, perseverance and determination. A critical component of the program will be to take youth to the States for an intensive summer training course that will not only teach basketball but also expand their horizons with visits to colleges, museums, theatres, and places of historic significance.



KLF will work directly with ASA youths for a maximum of three years, during which time we will also try to match them with high school and college scholarships. Successful ASA graduates will be invited to return to the program as mentors and teaching assistants for current ASA youths.

Whether these student-athletes ultimately succeed in accessing scholarships or not, KLF will have ensured that our ASA youths have a solid academic foundation and work ethic with which to enter adulthood. Our youths will be poised to become effective and successful leaders, positively contributing to the society in which they live.

### **Expected Results**

#### *Short-Term Results (1-3 years)*

1. 20 student-athletes consistently receiving improved grades by the end of year 1, 40 by the end of year 2, and 60 by the end of year 3.
2. Improved work ethic of 20 student-athletes by the end of year 1, 40 by end of year 2, and 60 by the end of year 3.
3. 20 student-athletes academically prepared for US school system by end of year 1; 40 student-athletes by end of year 2; and 60 by end of year 3.
4. 10 peer mentors identified from the first graduating class at the end of year 3.

*Long-Term Results (3-5 years)*

1. Increased number of youths graduating from secondary school with a history of solid academic performance and prepared for higher education.
2. Increased number of youths academically ready for the US education system, and thus eligible for US academic/athletic scholarships.
3. Increased number of youths who set future goals and have a strategy for achieving them.



*Indirect benefits*

As high school athletes are often revered by their peers and become unofficial leaders in their schools, we expect our ASA youths to have a positive influence on their peers and siblings thus multiplying the impact of our program.

**Annual Program Cost**

<b>Cost per Child</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
<b>Year-Round Local Training:</b> teachers, uniforms, basketball equipment, textbooks, learning aids, meals, youth transportation, etc.	\$ 70,000 (20 kids)	\$125,000 (40 kids)
<b>USA Summer Training (3 wks):</b> airfare, chaperones, learning excursions, accommodation, meals, clothing, travel bag, ground transportation, etc.	\$120,000 (20 kids)	\$135,000 (20 kids)*
<b>Total Program Cost</b>	\$190,000 (20 kids)	\$260,000 (40 kids)
<b>Cost per Child</b>	\$ 9,500	\$ 6,500

\*Second year ASA kids will not go on a second trip to the States.

**How You Can Help!**

We are currently seeking individual donations and corporate sponsorships to execute this program. An anonymous foundation has offered us up to \$90,000 for the first two years of the program, if we can raise the remaining \$180,000 needed on our own! Please make a donation to show your belief in our program and help us brighten the future for at-risk student-athletes in St. Vincent & the Grenadines. Your generous support will allow us to commit to the kids for two years.

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