I AM BELIZE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME - RESTORE BELIZE

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**Overarching Goal:** To empower people and communities to enable them to become the “conscious architects of their own future.”

Gang involvement in Belize City is a growing and alarming phenomenon that affects all sectors of society. Keeping children in school and helping them to achieve academic success is recognized as one of the most important protective factors for reducing youth involvement in crime.

**Objective:** To increase secondary school completion rates among the most vulnerable populations by providing high school scholarships.

This program aims to provide secondary school aged children with all the services needed for maximizing their education, making healthy life decisions and becoming productive citizens while improving community participation and leadership among youth.

**Holistic Approach:** Environmental risk factors other than school fees negatively impact attendance and increase the risk of dropping out. As a result, a more holistic approach has been taken.

This program not only covers the costs of tuition, uniforms, and books up to 4th Form along with financial aid, but also provides additional wrap-around services which include mentorship, need-based tutoring and counseling, internships, and the I AM BELIZE Scholarship Club.

For the upcoming 2017/2018 academic year, RESTORE Belize will invite parents of scholarship recipients to engage in parenting sessions extended from the Metamorphosis Project. These sessions will develop and broaden good parenting...
skills while teaching parents how to better monitor their child’s school performance between reports.

I AM BELIZE Scholarship Club

Objective: To teach children basic life skills and coping mechanisms to ensure their success in high school.

RESTORE Belize has embraced the club as a support system for recipients of the I AM Belize Scholarship as it is a positive way for students to learn about themselves, their peers, and the post-graduation world.

The club meets bi-monthly with the attendance rate for the 2016/2017 academic year averaging between 15-20+ students. RESTORE Belize hires trained social workers to foster relationship building in the club through information sharing activities and discussions, covering topics such as Cyber Bullying, Social Environment and Sexuality, STD/STI’s, and Self-esteem.

2016/2017 Update: 21 students were promoted; 4 students graduated

Since its inception in 2010, 50 students have graduated as of 2017 with the first group of scholarship recipients graduating in the 2012/2013 academic year. To read about the latest graduates through the I AM Belize Scholarship Programme, click here (/blog/13-blog/58-i-am-belize-2017-graduates) for more information.

As for the 2017/2018 school year, 15 new students have been recruited. They along with 20 returning students will enjoy benefits under the I AM BELIZE scholarship programme.

Applications are accepted throughout the year but must be submitted by May 31 of each year to begin September of that same year. The scholarship program is need-based with an emphasis on high school children who could benefit from the programme’s wrap-around services. Eligible applicants are encouraged to apply for the next academic year.

(http://restorebelize.gov.bz)
If you would like to join our donors in being a positive influence in a child’s future, contact us (/staff) to find out how you could “Adopt-A-Student” or take on the role of a mentor.

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