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# ASEC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## Evaluation Report



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**On the Cover:** ASEC Scholarship recipients celebrate after completing Scholarship Orientation in Tanzania March 8-10, 2024.

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# ASEC Scholarship Program

2024 Program Evaluation Key Outcomes (January 2025)



## 3 OBJECTIVES



Provide opportunities for **Catholic sisters** to obtain **secondary and postsecondary education degrees**.



Increase sisters' competencies in their fields, toward **greater effectiveness in accomplishing their ministries**.



Ensure sisters qualify to **continue their education** after obtaining their secondary school or college diploma/certificate.

## KEY OUTCOME FIGURES

**1,069**

Total Scholarships Awarded

Top Fields of Study:  
1. Secondary Level  
2. Education  
3. Medical Sciences

**142**

Congregations Served

Faculty Stipends:  
2 Distributed to the Bigwa Secondary School in Tanzania

**724**

Graduates

Credentials Earned:  
320 Secondary  
211 Diplomas  
173 Certificates  
19 Bachelors  
1 Doctorate

## PROGRAM SUCCESSES

Orientation Satisfaction

**100%**

of sisters (N = 73) in 2024 reported that Orientation met or exceeded their expectations.

Overall Retention Rate

**97%**

is the current overall retention rate of scholarship recipients (N = 1,069).

Use of Education in Ministry

**98%**

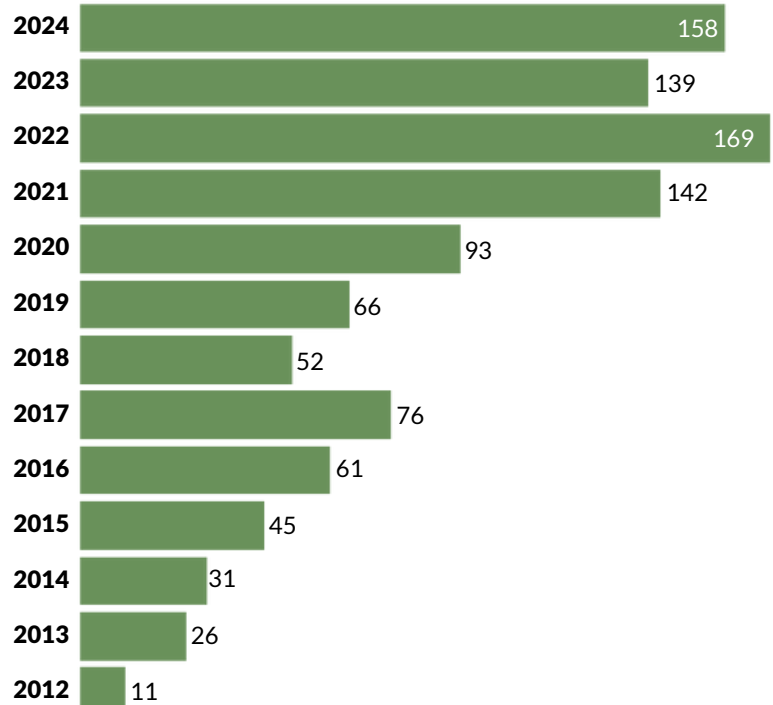
of sisters (N = 63) report being able to utilize the knowledge and skills they acquired from the program to benefit their ministry.

Continuing Education Qualification

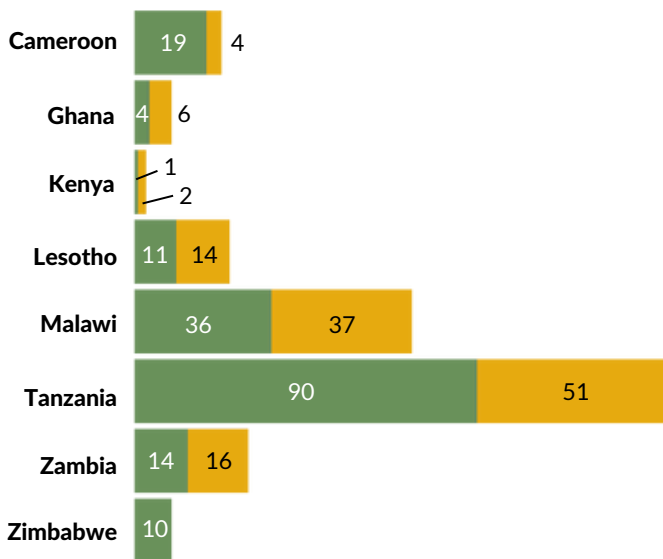
**97%**

of sisters (N = 63) report qualifying to continue their education after completion of the Scholarship Program.

Over the last 13 years, as of January 31, 2025, a total of 1,069 scholarships have been awarded.



A total of 315 scholarships have been awarded to 185 **new** and 130 **returning** recipients since the last reporting period.



## PROGRAM GROWTH



### Zimbabwe

Expansion of the Scholarship Program to Zimbabwe marks the first ASEC program to be offered in the country. 10 sisters have been awarded scholarships thus far.



### Expanded Degree Offerings

Outside of the secondary/form level, new scholarship recipients (2024) are studying in 57 distinct degree/certificate/ diploma programs. A total of 8 general fields of study.



# ASEC Scholarship Program

## 2024 Evaluation Report- Executive Summary



Data collected in 2024 indicates that the **ASEC Scholarship program has met all program objectives**. Although some long-term program outcomes require continued monitoring, there is evidence that these will continue to be realized in the coming years. Further, evaluation results demonstrate that the Scholarship Program is a vibrant, rapidly-expanding, initiative that is clearly aligned with ASEC's mission.

Since initiation of the program in 2012 (as of January 31, 2025), the ASEC Scholarship Program has grown to serve **1,030** unique sisters and women from **142** distinct congregations. Sisters and women served by the program have enrolled at a total of **228** educational institutions (schools, institutes, colleges, and universities) across the eight countries served by the program.

For the 2024 reporting period, the program has awarded **315** scholarships. Of these awards, 185 were provided to newly-enrolled students (including 5 lay women) and 130 were distributed to returning students (including 4 lay women). One-hundred and twenty-seven (127) awards were distributed to students studying at the secondary level, while 188 were distributed at the postsecondary level.

In 2024, a total of 63 scholarship recipients completed the Scholarship End of Experience Survey. In this survey, **nearly all respondents (98%, N = 63) strongly or somewhat agreed that they will be able to utilize the knowledge and skills they acquired from their educational program to benefit their ministry**. In addition, **42% (n = 724) of all scholarship graduates have been able to continue their education** through an ASEC-sponsored program.

ASEC Scholarship Program 2024 **successes** include: continued high enrollment rates, expansion to Zimbabwe, and scholarship alumnae attendance at the 2025 ASEC Alumnae Workshops. **Challenges** encountered in 2024 included difficulty holding in-person Scholarship Orientations and orienting new staff to Scholarship Program requirements.

### OUTPUTS + OUTCOMES



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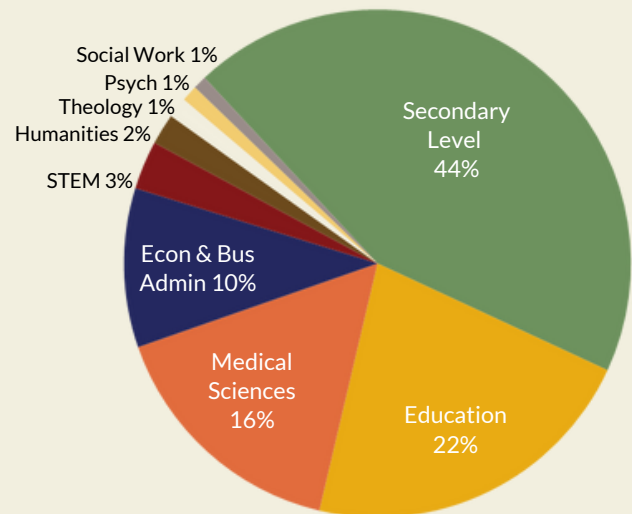
scholarship recipients attended Orientation & all recipients received Welcome Packet.



# 100%

of sisters (N = 73) in 2024 reported that the Orientation met or exceeded their expectations.

Overall, certificates/diplomas/degrees have been awarded in **8 general fields of study** (N = 1,069).



### Reducing Maternal Mortality in Malawi

**Sr. Maureen J. Chalamanda, SOL**

**Scholarship Institution: Stella Maris Secondary School**

**Scholarship Credentials: Forms 3 & 4**

**Graduated: July 2028**

Sr. Maureen is a unique ASEC alum, in that she is 1 of 11 sisters that have completed 3 ASEC programs including—SLDI, the Scholarship Program, and HESA. She is currently serving as a Nursing Officer in the Labor Ward at St. Kalembe Community Hospital in Bangula, Malawi.

Sr. Maureen has helped establish a community health outreach program that has enabled underserved populations to reap necessary knowledge, medical screenings, and treatments they otherwise may not receive due to location or lack of awareness.



### ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT