



Roger Samba and J. Paul Getty Scholarship

Undergraduate application form and guidelines 2009-2010



The Roger Samba and J. Paul Getty Scholarships program was established in honor of Mr. Samba as winner of the 2008 J. Paul Getty Award for Conservation Leadership. Mr. Samba received the Getty Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to conservation through personal leadership. As the president of the remote village of Andavadoaka in southwestern Madagascar, Mr. Samba spent several years working to protect the region's fragile marine biodiversity and habitats. This work resulted in the creation of Madagascar's first community-managed marine protected area and also inspired the development of alternative livelihood and environmental education initiatives. The scholarships are sponsored by the Ann and Gordon Getty Foundation and managed by World Wildlife Fund in partnership with Blue Ventures.

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Effective policy, education, fieldwork, and other conservation initiatives depend on sound technical knowledge and skills. The Roger Samba and J. Paul Getty Scholarships support the academic training of conservationists in Madagascar in a wide variety of disciplines so that they may gain the knowledge and skills necessary to manage their country's marine natural resources in diverse and complex contexts. The scholarships support both interdisciplinary and specialized studies and allow grantees to pursue opportunities in Madagascar's higher education institutions. The Samba-Getty Scholarships assist individuals pursuing undergraduate degrees in fields related to the conservation of natural resources. All Samba-Getty Scholars must be committed to advance the conservation of natural resources in Madagascar.

BENEFITS

As part of their awards, Samba-Getty Scholars receive financial support for tuition, books, travel to and from the university in Madagascar, and room and board for the academic program for up to three years. The total amount of the scholarship will be based on actual costs to cover these items.

ELIGIBILITY

- The proposed field of study must be relevant to environmental management and conservation of natural resources.
- All applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of Madagascar from Atsimo Andrefana region, with preference given to applicants from Morombe district
- Applicants must have completed high school.
- Applicants must be enrolled in, admitted to, or have applied to an undergraduate degree program at an institution of higher education in Madagascar by the application deadline and must begin their studies within one year of the application deadline. You may apply for a scholarship even if you have not yet been accepted into your academic program, however you will not receive funds from WWF until you submit proof of admission.

SELECTION

Samba-Getty Scholars are selected through a competitive, merit-based process. Eligible candidates must submit a completed application form along with one letter of recommendation and other supporting documents to the appropriate location. An independent, interdisciplinary panel of experts is convened to review applications and to identify top candidates based on the following criteria:

- **Leadership potential** through involvement in community and volunteer activities.
- **Impact of your proposed undergraduate degree** in contributing to conservation of natural resources in Madagascar.
- **Motivation** to contribute to conservation in a Madagascar and to share what is learned with others.
- **Prior academic achievement** as shown by grades, academic awards, references from teachers and and so on.

Application Instructions

Please be sure to follow all steps below when applying for a Samba-Getty Scholarship.

- Complete ALL pages of the application form.
- All application materials must be postmarked by the application deadline.
- Type your name at the top right corner of each page of the application form.
- Print the application and sign the "Applicant Agreement" page (Section VI of the application).
- Do NOT staple or bind any pages of your application form.
- A complete application dossier consists of:
 - a completed application form;
 - one letter of recommendation;
 - notarized academic transcripts (Baccalauréat),
 - a detailed CV with a recent photograph;
 - proof of admission to your academic program if already admitted; and
 - any other documents relevant to your application. See the "Application Checklist" below for more details.
- Make a copy of your application dossier for your records.
- Submit your application with all required documents by email to Judith.Balint@wwfus.org and lalao@blueventures.org
- You may mail your application along with required and relevant recommended documents listed in the application checklist below to: Samba-Getty Scholarships, C/O Mme RAZANOELISOA Jacqueline, IHSM BP 141 Toliara
- Applications without required documents will not be considered.

The application deadline is 30 November 2009

Application Checklist

Required Documents

- Completed application form including the signed Personal Service Agreement and signed Applicant Acceptance Agreement.
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher, professor, and/or professional colleagues. Recommendation letters from family members will not be accepted.
- Most recent academic transcripts.
- Proof of admission to the academic program you plan to attend or a copy of the signature page of your university application.

Recommended Documents

- Copies of awards or certificates you have received (no more than 3).



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Press TAB to move to the next field.

I. Personal Information

1. Your name as it appears in official documents:

2. Family name/surname:

3. Given name:

4. Sex: female male

5. Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy):

6. Nationality(ies):

7. Country of residency:

8. Contact information: home work university other

If work, please state the name of the organization:

Full street address:

City, state or province, and post code:

Country:

You can reach me at this address until (dd/mm/yyyy):

Telephone (*include country and city code*):

Email address:

9. Native language(s):

10. Marital status: single married other

11. Number of dependents:

Name:

II. Educational History

12. Beginning with the most recent institution, list all secondary schools attended.

Institution	City and Country	Certificate Obtained	Start Date	End Date

13. Please list up to five personal accomplishments including awards you received or any volunteer or extra-curricular activities you have participated in.

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- 5.

III. Proposed Academic Program

14. Name of proposed academic institution and department/faculty where you will receive your undergraduate degree

15. Degree you are pursuing (*examples: Bachelor of Science degree in conservation biology*):

16. What is your status with your proposed academic institution?

- I have already begun attending classes. *If you are already enrolled and attending classes, please include a copy of your most recent transcripts with your application.*
- I have been accepted for admission. *If you have been accepted, please include a copy of your acceptance letter with your application.*
- I have applied and I am waiting for an admissions decision. *Please submit a copy of the signed page of your university application, if available.*

When do you expect an admissions decision (*dd/mm/yyyy*)?

- I have not yet applied to a university.

Name:

17. Contact information for your proposed academic institution. *Please include the name and email address of the contact person or your advisor at your academic institution, if available. If you have not had contact with a specific person, please provide the university's general contact information.*

Name and title of contact person or academic advisor:

City:

Country:

Telephone:

Email:

University web site address:

18. What is the total length of your degree program? (months and/or years):

19. When did you or when will you begin your academic program? (dd/mm/yyyy):

20. When do you expect to complete your degree? (mm/yyyy):

Name:

V. Essays

The scholarship selection committee bases its decisions largely on the essay portion of the application. Please provide full and thoughtful responses to the questions below.

21. Please discuss in detail how your field of study will contribute to the conservation of natural resources in Madagascar. *(Your essay should be about 800 words long.)*

Name:

22. Describe your career goals after you complete your undergraduate degree program.

23. Describe a situation that required leadership on your part (does not have to be conservation related).
What did you do? What was the outcome?

Name: _____

VI. Applicant Agreement

Please print out this page and sign!

Personal Service Agreement

WWF requires all award recipients to work for two years upon completion of training or degree to advance efforts in their home countries or regions. This service obligation must be fulfilled upon completion of your academic degree. Two years of service in volunteer, full-time, or part-time employment qualify for fulfillment of this personal service agreement.

I understand that if I am awarded and accept a Roger Samba and J. Paul Getty Scholarship from Education for Nature Program, I will incur a two-year service requirement as stated above.

Signature

Date

Applicant Acceptance Agreement

If awarded a Roger Samba and J. Paul Getty Scholarship, I agree to keep World Wildlife Fund informed of my contact information and academic progress, and to prepare the required reports after the award period, as may be requested. I understand that if I fail to maintain satisfactory academic progress or if my conduct is considered prejudicial to the best interests of the Roger Samba and J. Paul Getty Scholarship Program and Education for Nature Program, my award may be withdrawn and payments terminated. I agree, upon acceptance of a Roger Samba and J. Paul Getty Scholarship, to allow my name to be published in association with this program and any related sponsors.

I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of my statements made in this application and to WWF staff are true and made in good faith.

Signature

Date

How did you learn about Samba-Getty Scholarships?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> WWF staff in my country | <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWF staff from the United States | <input type="checkbox"/> EFN alumnus/grantee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper or magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> Professor/academic institution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |