



The Gambia has a structured basic education system, but families must bear some of the costs. This limits the opportunities available to less well-off children and around 40% do not attend school, because their parents are too poor to afford the modest fees, uniforms and books. PAGEANT, standing for 'Projects Aiding Gambian Education And Natural Talent', is a small UK registered charity (No. 1093963). We help individual students with sponsorship, help schools with improvements to buildings, facilities and equipment, and help poor families to improve their quality of life.

How you can help Pageant:

Buy an Ethical Gift: Our range of gifts contains essential items for Gambian families and children. See the list in this leaflet.

Donate to Pageant: Use the form in this leaflet to send us a donation to help with our work in The Gambia.

Become a member: Pageant's running costs are covered by members' annual subscriptions, so that every penny donated can go to our projects. Use this leaflet to join Pageant, from just £10 a year.

Sponsor a child's education: 25p a day pays for a primary or nursery child's education. See more details in this leaflet.

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See more on our website <http://pageant.org.uk>



Education - The Gambia's future

Pageant Ethical Gifts

Your ethical gift goes straight to schools, children, villagers or environmental projects in The Gambia. You get a beautiful illustrated Gift Token describing each gift, and a Thank-you card (or Christmas Card during December). You can send these to friends or relatives as you wish. If you order more than one of an item, we supply a single voucher, but if you need separate vouchers, just put an 'S' in the last column. If the gift is a donation from yourself and you don't need a voucher, please put 'N' in the last column. We buy most of our gifts in The Gambia, avoiding transport costs and helping the local economy.

Please select your gifts & calculate total	No	Cost	Total
10 exercise books		£6.50	
Mosquito net + 1 litre of insecticide		£7.50	
Bulk deal – 16 mosquito nets + insecticide		£60.00	
Large 'Thermos' flask – for hot or cold drinks		£10.00	
Solar-powered scientific calculator		£10.50	
Watering can – for village or school gardens		£12.00	
Banana plants (5 plants)		£12.00	
Set of buckets for village & school gardens		£12.50	
Gardening set – rake, spade & hoe		£12.50	
Large cooking pot – the mainstay of family life		£14.50	
School bag with exercise book, pens etc.		£16.50	
Mango Trees (5 trees)		£20.00	
Artemisia annua - 100 plants for 2 plantations		£20.00	
Sack of rice – 50kg feeds a family for a month		£25.00	
School uniform (2 sets + shoes)		£25.00	
50kg bag of fertilizer for village gardens		£25.00	
Practical Electronics Teaching Kit		£25.00	
Pageant Loan – help start a small business		£30.00	
First aid kit – for treating minor injuries		£35.00	
Practical Physics Teaching Kit		£40.00	
Large covered foam mattress – for nurseries		£40.00	
Goat for a poor farmer or country family		£45.00	
Wheelbarrow for a school garden		£47.50	
Bicycle for senior student to get to school		£65.00	
Gifts Total – copy this to the Total Donations section			

We don't have space here to fully describe our ethical gifts. If you need more information please visit: <http://pageant.org.uk/gifts>

Now please fill in your contact details and other information on the other side of this page.

Your Contact Details

Title	Name
Address	
	Post Code
Phone	If outside UK insert country code
Email	

Membership

If you want to become a Pageant member, please tick one box below:

Adult £10 per annum	Child £5 per annum
Family £15 per annum	School/group £20 per annum

Total Donations

Ethical Gifts	
Emergency Sponsorship Fund (£15 suggested)	
Additional Donation	
Membership	
Total	

Please send a cheque payable to 'Pageant' to the address below

Gift Aid

If you are a **UK tax payer**, Pageant can reclaim UK tax on the money you give, making your support achieve much more without costing you another penny. To take advantage of this scheme, **read the declaration** below, enter your **full name** and **sign and date it**. If you do not qualify or do not wish to take advantage of Gift Aid, just leave this part of the form blank.

Gift Aid Declaration - I understand that Pageant will reclaim Gift Aid and that my total Gift Aid for ALL qualifying donations during any tax year must not exceed the total amount of tax I pay in that year. I wish Pageant to treat the donation of £..... (total from above) as a Gift Aid donation.

Full Name	
Signature	Date

Pageant will only use information from this form to contact you in case of a query, or to maintain a membership list if you become a member. Information will not be passed to any third party without your permission.

Tick this box, if you would like Pageant to contact you with news.

Please detach this page and send with your cheque to

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Sponsor a Child's Education



Many Gambian children from poor families can't afford to attend school. Many who start drop out after Grade 6 or 9, when costs increase. Sponsorship of an individual child is one way of addressing this problem. It can be very fulfilling for the sponsor as well as for the child, as progress through school is monitored and reports, with letters or drawings from the child, are sent regularly to the sponsor. We also ask the sponsor to send a letter and photograph to 'their' child to provide a sense of personal involvement. Experience has shown that the children really appreciate this. We have a constantly updated page on our website, which lists children and young people who need sponsorship see: <http://pageant.org.uk/sponsor>

The amount of sponsorship is at the sponsor's discretion, but the table below shows suggested amounts.

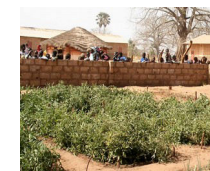
school grade	UK equivalent	annual amount
Nursery		£90
1-6	Primary	£90
7-9	to GCSE	£140
10-11	leading to A-level	£190
12	final A-level year	£200
Amount for Further Education students depends on course taken		

Pageant also has an Emergency Fund for children who have progressed some way in school but whose parents cannot now afford school or exam fees. If you would like to be involved, but can't make a commitment to one child for a number of years, then you might like to contribute to this fund. A single donation of £15 can make the difference between a child's exclusion from school and being able to take an important exam.

Pageant Projects



As well as helping individual students with sponsorship, Pageant helps schools with new buildings such as toilets, kitchens and classrooms, and with furniture and equipment.



Many schools have their own vegetable gardens, both for teaching purposes, and to provide supplies for school meals. Pageant has helped by providing plants, and building secure enclosures to keep out marauding animals.



Most schools in The Gambia lack science teaching equipment and many have no mains electricity. This presents a challenge to science teachers and science is taught mainly as a theoretical subject. Pageant has supplied many schools with suitable equipment and runs regular seminars for science teachers.



Malaria is endemic in The Gambia, and recurring illness often prevents children attending school. Pageant helps by providing mosquito nets to poor families. We also encourage village communities to plant Artemisia annua, from which they can make a tea which combats the effects of malaria.



Pageant operates a micro-loan scheme, which encourages groups of village women to start their own small businesses. When repaid after six months, the loans get recycled to another group. One of our schemes resulted in a new village market at Sika.



For more information about Pageant projects see our website: <http://pageant.org.uk/projects>