



## **OKAN AWARDS EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS TO SIX STUDENTS FROM SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ENKO EDUCATION**

As part of its philanthropic policy, Okan is pleased to announce the awarding of scholarships for excellence to six new middle and high school students in Sub-Saharan Africa to study at Enko Education Group schools. Okan supports students within Enko Ouaga in Burkina Faso, Enko Bonanjo in Cameroon, and Enko Riviera in Côte d'Ivoire. Created in 2019, the "Okan Excellence" scholarships embody the values shared by the Okan team and embody Okan's interest in quality education as a driver of Africa's development. Okan and Enko Education have forged a strong partnership to give high-potential students from disadvantaged backgrounds the opportunity to access an international education through Enko Education schools. Enko Education schools offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate program, which allows its graduates to apply to the best universities in the world.

"We chose Enko Education because we believe in the quality of education provided and the opportunities that are created for students. We know that the sponsored students will benefit from a personalized and advanced academic follow-up and will be individually accompanied in their university orientation. With the Okan Excellence Scholarships, we hope to offer high-potential African students the opportunity to continue their education and realize their dreams," said Benjamin Romain, Partner at Okan.

"The Okan Excellence Scholarships are awarded based on strict academic, financial and motivational criteria," said Lea Tyburn, Scholarship Program Manager at Enko Education. They will cover a portion of the students' tuition and other education-related costs, such as school supplies and books, university application fees and exam fees.

"Enko Education is truly grateful to have partners like Okan. Their involvement allows talented but disadvantaged students to study in our schools, it's one more step towards

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our vision of increasing access to quality education on the continent." Eric Pignot, founder and CEO of Enko Education.

Recipients of the "Okan Excellence" scholarships made a point of testifying: "I would like to thank Okan Partners for sponsoring me through this international program at Enko Bonanjo. Thanks to this scholarship, I have the opportunity to study in a system of excellence. "Florence, a second grade student at Enko Bonanjo in Cameroon and Okan scholarship recipient.

"I thank Okan who through this scholarship gives me the opportunity to train for the IB. A program that prepares us for the future and provides us with the knowledge and skills necessary to face the realities of life. This training sets us apart from others and brings out the best in us. I am very grateful to Okan and Enko for this opportunity and I will work to be worthy of it until the end." Imrane, a senior student at Enko Ouaga in Burkina Faso, Okan scholar.

### **About Enko Education**

With 13 international schools in 9 African countries, Enko Education is a network of African international schools offering primary and secondary education programs to enable talented young Africans to gain admission to the best universities in the world. In order to increase its social impact and impact on local communities, Enko Education is committed to having a minimum of 10% scholarship students in its schools. [www.enkoeducation.com](http://www.enkoeducation.com)

### **About Okan Partners**

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