



THE
AMAZIMA
SCHOOL

**FAMILY MENTOR
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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What is The Amazima School?

The Amazima School (TAS) is a classical Christian secondary Ugandan boarding school located near the Source of the Nile River in Jinja, Uganda. TAS serves vulnerable Ugandan children.

Is The Amazima School tied to a particular church or denomination?

No. The Amazima School is a ministry of Amazima Ministries International which is based in Franklin, TN. The Amazima School's mission, values, and philosophy can be found online at www.theamazimaschool.org.

What are Family Mentors?

Family Mentors are mature, godly couples who, along with their Ugandan Family Mentor Partner, provide a safe environment for 18 - 24 Ugandan students by loving, mentoring, tutoring, disciplining, and caring for them.

For which type of couple are you looking?

Humble, godly, mature couples who have a passion for investing in secondary children and demonstrate strong Biblical marriages.

What would my role be as a Family Mentor?

To serve and support the 18 - 24 children in your care by providing a Christ-honoring, loving environment. Family Mentors are in charge of discipline, mentoring, counseling, tutoring, daily family devotions, and providing physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual care for each child.

Is there a time commitment I would need to make?

Family Mentors must commit to a minimum stay of 2 years in order to provide some degree of consistency with their children.

Do I have to raise support?

Yes. The Amazima School will provide housing, but each staff member must raise his/her salary, training expenses, travel expenses, and benefits.

Do I have to be married?

Yes.

Can Family Mentors have children?

Due to room limitations, two children are the maximum.

Are there age limitations for children?

Yes, due to the nature of the family mentor role children must be between 9 and 14 years old.

Is there school for our children?

Different educational options are available for your children depending on their age; including our staff children's school located on campus for grade K-8.

How many Ugandan children would I be responsible for?

18 -24

What are the ages of the children for whom I am responsible?

Secondary ages in Uganda vary greatly. Your children's ages will range from 12 – 21.


Do I need to go through training?

Yes. The Amazima School will provide both stateside and in-country training.

Will I have medical insurance?

Yes. Excellent medical insurance is provided by Resourcing Christian Education International (RCE), the fundraising partner of The Amazima School. Your fundraising pays for the medical insurance.

What does a typical day look like?

Click here for more information: [YouTube Video](#) 

How is a “house” designed?

4 large student bedrooms (2 on each side) each housing up to 6 students with a locked off 2-bedroom Family Mentor's apartment in the middle.

What do we eat?

The students will eat at the school cafeteria and will have traditional Ugandan meals such as porridge, posho, beans, rice, vegetables, and chicken. Family Mentors have a kitchen in their apartments where they may prepare their own breakfast and lunch. Dinner will be eaten as families in the school cafeteria. Jinja town also offers western restaurants for “date-nights.”

How safe is Jinja and what security measures will the school implement?

Jinja is a beautiful town which has been consistently safe for Westerners. We always ask our staff members to follow our safety protocol when off the school campus to ensure their protection. The school is located in a great area and is protected by well-trained askaris (Ugandan guards) and local police.

Are there opportunities for leisure activities?

Absolutely. Jinja is a great place to raft the Nile, hike to beautiful water falls, book a safari, spend the night at a great resort, take an evening cruise on Lake Victoria, or explore the Source of the Nile. In Kampala (about a 2 hour drive), you can watch the latest movies, shop at Western malls, and even eat at KFC!

Are there breaks after semesters? If so, how may Family Mentors spend their breaks?

The Uganda school calendar goes from February through early December and is broken up into trimesters. Most of our student body will go back to their villages during breaks which last 2+ weeks at a time. That allows our school staff to plan, train, and take much-needed vacations!

How long can I volunteer at The Amazima School?

As long as the Lord and The Amazima School administration allow.

Who is responsible for processing my work visa?

The Amazima School administration will assist you in obtaining and maintaining a work visa.

What local language is spoken in Jinja? Do I have to learn it?

The official language in Uganda is English, but the primary language of our student body is Luganda. Learning the local language allows you to better understand the culture and be more effective in your ministry, but is not a requirement.