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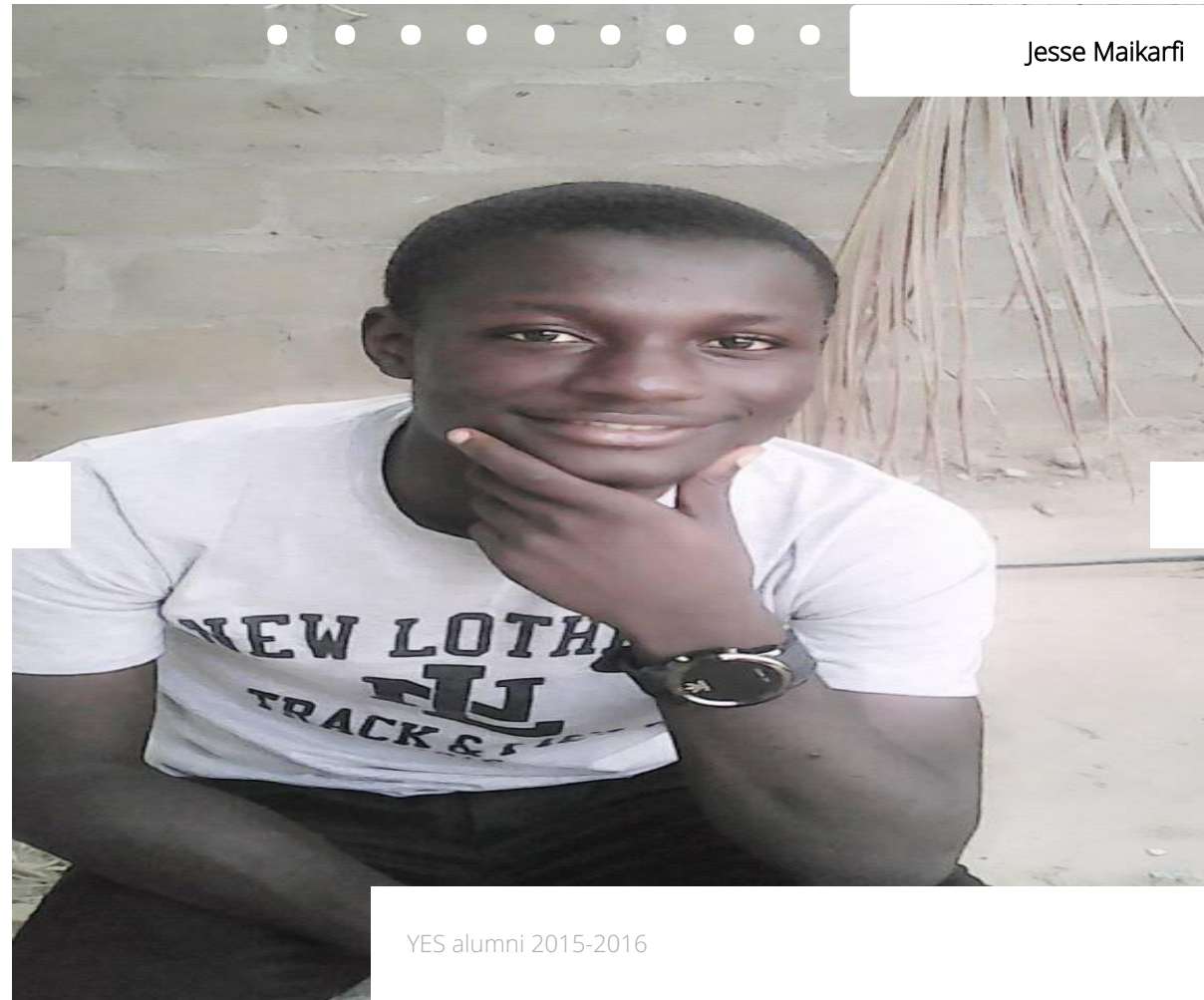
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IRIS will award a total of \$13,471 in 2017 to the eight scholarship and four grant applicants. IRIS received 31 scholarship applications from seven countries \$30,495 in requests along with 11 grant applications from six countries totaling \$22,029 in requests.

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2017 IRIS Global Citizen Scholarship Recipients (\$8,478 total awarded)

2017 Bob and Judy Anderson Merit Scholarships are:

Said Abbas – Tanzania – YES alumnus 2011-2012 – scholarship will provide funds for his final two years of university; IRIS has been funding his education since 2011

Garba Munkaila – Nigeria – YES alumnus 2008-2009 – scholarship will provide funds for his final three years at a special university for deaf students; IRIS has been funding his education since 2016

2017 IRIS Global Scholarship single year recipients are:

Ashiru Abubakar – Nigeria – YES alumnus 2011-2012 – IRIS will provide funds for his third year of university

Aliyu Abdussamad – Nigeria – YES alumnus 2014-2015 – IRIS will provide funds for his first year of university

Ummul-khair Aliyu – Nigeria – YES alumnae 2009-2010 – IRIS will provide funds for her third year of university

Ellyssahanna Espinosa – Philippines – YES alumnae 2013-2014 – IRIS will provide funds for her second year of university

Andi Jashari – Kosovo – YES alumnus 2015-2016 – IRIS will provide funds for his first year of university

Yussuf Mfaume Yussuf – Tanzania – YES alumnae 2009-2010 – IRIS will provide funds for his third year of university

2017 IRIS Alumni Global Grants (\$4,993 total awarded)

Maya Petrova and the American-Bulgarian Library Exchange (ABLE) – Sofia, Bulgaria – ABLE alumni 2007 – IRIS will provide funds to establish a summer reading and open air library program in Razgrad, Bulgaria

Hassani Bakari Msanga – Tanzania – YES alumnus 2008-2009 – IRIS will provide funds for an Emergency Medical Training program to nurses and medical assistants at Same School of Nursing in Same District in Kilimanjaro region and Msimbazi Nurse and Medical Attendants Training School in Ilala-Dar es Salaam

Jesse Maikarfi – Nigeria – YES alumnus 2015-2016 – IRIS will provide funds for a project entitled “The Fight Against Unemployment,” teaching 50 unemployed 3-months job skills training program, including natural oil extraction, hair wigs, and shoe and bag making, in Kaduna State, Nigeria

Simon Zamani – Nigeria – YES alumnus 2015-2016 – IRIS will provide funds for a project entitled “English Language Literacy Program,” focused on a variety of language education techniques targeting children age 5 – 15, as well as older generations in rural areas of Kaduna State, Nigeria

IRIS thanks everyone who applied for this year's Global Grants and Global Scholarships and congratulates this year's recipients! The Global Grants and Scholarships are made possible by fundraising efforts such as the annual Layers of Diversity Art Auction. The 2017 Layers of Diversity Art Auction will take place Thursday, July 20 at the Moberg Gallery in Des Moines. For more information about the art auction or other fundraising efforts, please email events@iris-center.org or call 515-292-7103.

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