



“I am passionate about sharing the important message of compassion and about creating awareness of the opportunities each individual has to create sustainable change. The Coady Institute will teach me additional skills which I can use to develop programs which will empower women around the world.”

Amanda Lindhout

Founder/Director

The Somali Women's Scholarship Program, Canada

I founded the program in 2010 and I am the primary Director. Funds are raised through an awareness and fundraising campaign that I have spearheaded along with members of the Canadian-Somali community, mainly through public speaking engagements across Canada. This program has empowered many Canadian Somali's to get involved in improving the future of their home country and they donate time and skills to the SWSP campaign.

The Somali Women's Scholarship Program was founded with the belief that every woman has the potential to make substantial contributions to the future development of Somalia. We believe that building stronger communities, cultivating leadership and promoting peace through education are goals which can be achieved through proper support. The SWSP looks to identify, specifically, those promising women who are natural gifted leaders who know they can make a difference in Somalia and to support them through their University degree programs. In Somalia, education is a tool to create sustainable change: a means for women to transform themselves and their communities. It paves the way for a generation of female leaders to hope, dream and change the future of their country-and to take their rightful role in it. The first 11 recipients are entering University this September. We aim to enroll 100 women into University within the next 4 years.

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