

2013 Hawkinson Foundation Scholarship awarded to Waruiru Mburu '13

St. Paul, Minn. - Waruiru Mburu, 24, a 2013 graduate of Macalester College, has received a 2013 Hawkinson Scholarship from the [Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation for Peace & Justice](http://www.hawkinsonfoundation.org/) (<http://www.hawkinsonfoundation.org/>) in Minneapolis.

The goal of the Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation Scholarship is to encourage students who have already demonstrated a commitment to peace and justice to strive for peace and justice both in their educational pursuits and in their personal and professional lives. Hawkinson Scholarships are awarded annually to undergraduate or graduate students who are a resident of or currently attending school in Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota or Wisconsin. A personal interview is required. Each fall, scholarship recipients are recognized at the annual Hawkinson Awards Presentation.

A \$2000 stipend comes with the scholarship.

A native of Kenya, Mburu is pursuing a master's degree in public health at the University of Minnesota and plans to focus on health disparities in low-income communities.

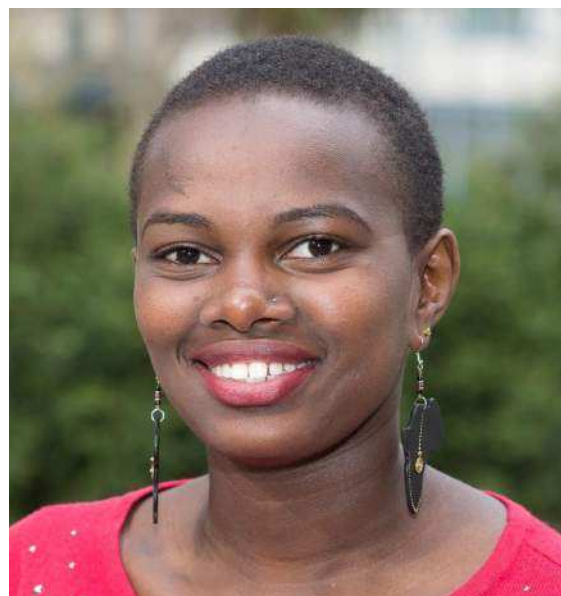
“Real lasting peace can only exist when there is social justice,” said Mburu. “I am very grateful to the Hawkinson Foundation scholarship for sponsoring my education that will further enhance my skills in recognizing and working towards eliminating health inequities and inequalities thus promoting social justice and peace.”

At Macalester, Mburu received a \$10,000 award from the college's “Live It Fund” to construct a library and conduct HIV/AIDS education workshops at an orphanage school in Bunabumali, a village in a mountainous region of Uganda near the Kenyan border. In 2011, she traveled to the area and worked with the local community to gain support for the library as a means to improve the school's literacy rates and partnered with the Uganda Community Libraries Association on the project. As a certified Red Cross HIV/AIDS instructor, Mburu also organized a workshop for 30 students on AIDS prevention.

Mburu has been recognized as a Kofi Annan International Student scholar and a Davis United World College Scholar, and has received a Ruth and Taylor Vernon fellowship.

Since 1988, the Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation has awarded scholarships to more than 125 students from or attending schools in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and North and South Dakota.

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