



Mekdes Bihonegn

I am Mekedes Bihonegn. I was born and raised in South Wollo Zone, Ambassel Woreda, 019 Kebele(Senka). I attended my primary education (Grade 1 up to Grade 8) in my birth place by living with my family members. My parents are among the poorest of the poor who are trying to meet ends of the family needs with their meager small farming income. So when I promoted to grade 9, they were not in a position to finance my educational expenses which such school is situated at faraway places. At this critical point in my life, I heard the good news that I was selected as one of the Girls' Hostel beneficiaries which was established by IFSO in Wuchale Town.

In the past 4 years, I was attending my education without worrying about school materials, food and clothing because IFSO was provided me all these needs timely. The school that I am attending is 5 minutes of walking distance. Because of this, I gave due attention for my study and thus, I got a university entrance result which is an average of 357 points. Accordingly, the Ministry of Education has assigned me at Metu University to study Law.

I am very grateful for IFSO and CIFA for the opportunity they had given me, which otherwise I could have ended up in a negative ways of life. I spent a wonderful and fruitful time during the last four years with my fellow 29 girls. I hope the support will continue in my university life also and after completing my study, I would like help my poor parent and other poor Ethiopians.