

# Dorica Sawasawa



## Dental Surgery

*“Coming from a humble rural background where access to proper dental care is limited, I have been deeply inspired to build a career that will make a lasting impact in the field of oral health. From an early age, I became aware of the health challenges people in my community face—especially dental issues that often go untreated due to lack of services and awareness. My parent’s dedication to providing for us, despite the many financial challenges, has been a source of motivation for me throughout my academic journey. However, the cost of higher education and the basic necessities, that come with it have placed a heavy burden on them, making it difficult to fully support my studies. This scholarship represents more than just financial aid—it is a pathway to fulfilling a dream that I hold dearly. With your support, I will be able to complete my education and use my knowledge and skills to serve others, uplift my family, and give back to the communities that need it most.”*

### Family circumstances

Dorica grew up in the central region of Malawi in Machinga district. Her parents left school during primary school. The household relies on subsistence farming to earn a modest income. Dorica is the third born in a family of 5 children.

### Education

Dorica received a bursary to attend a private secondary school. She achieved **10 points** in her Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE). Student points are calculated by adding the 6 highest subject points together. The better you do, the lower the score; 1-2 points = distinction; 3-4 points = credit; 5-6 points = pass. Dorica did extremely well to achieve **10 points**!

Girls are more vulnerable than their male counterparts in Africa. We have a preference to support females students who are struggling.

There are just 49 registered dentists in Malawi. In the UK there are a total of 46,000.

