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THE MASTERCARD FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY-AFRICA (USIU-AFRICA) **Open to only young women**

Dear Applicant,

USIU-Africa appreciates your interest in the Scholars Program made possible by the partnership of Mastercard Foundation and USIU-Africa. By completing this application, you are taking the first step in a process that will allow us to learn more about you, your achievements, and your goals as a potential Scholar of this Program. We encourage you to read the application guidelines before filling the form. The application form is **NOT FOR SALE** and **NO PAYMENT IS REQUIRED**.

Completed application and supporting documents should be sent to mcfsp-applications@usiu.ac.ke by **Friday, March 26, 2021**. Our selection committee will review all applications carefully on a continuous basis and nominate finalists by the deadline. All finalists will be interviewed either in person or by phone in **May 10 -15, 2021**. Communications with the selected Scholars will be done from **May 20– 22, 2021**.

A completed application should include the following:

1. Application letter stating the following:
 - a) Personal Background including family financial position.
 - b) Why you chose USIU-Africa.
 - c) Where you see yourself after graduation.
2. Copies of academic documents (High school certificates);
3. Recommendation from your former sponsoring organization, a Head Teacher or Career advisor who has known you for at least two years;
4. One recent Passport size photograph;
5. A copy of your Birth certificate, National Identity Card or Passport and/or refugee travel document;
6. A copy of refugee identity document (where applicable).

Please note that we will NOT evaluate INCOMPLETE applications.

Complete applications should be delivered/emailed only **ONCE**. Duplicate applications or several emails from the same person will lead to disqualification of the applicant.

DEADLINE:

All applications must be received by **Friday, March 26, 2021**. We strongly encourage earlier submissions.

State the degree program you are applying for _____



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A: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please enter your name and all information as it appears on official documents such as an identification card, birth certificate, or passport.

Surname (Family Name): _____

First Names (Given Names): _____

Gender: F ☐ M ☐ Nationality: _____ Birth Date: _____ / _____ / _____
Day Month Year

Age (at the time of application): _____ Country of birth: _____

Country of citizenship: _____ Country of residence: _____

Place of residence (at the time of application): Urban _____ Rural _____ Peri-urban _____

Do you have a passport? Yes ☐ No ☐ *Passport #: _____

**If you have a passport, please attach a copy of it to this application.*

Passport Issued by (Country): _____

Your Email Address: _____

Mobile Phone (Including Country Code): _____

Permanent Physical Address: _____

Primary language spoken: _____

Other languages: _____

B: CATEGORY OF SCHOLARSHIP

Please tick from the list below the category of scholarship you are applying for.

- ☐ Young Women
- ☐ Young Men
- ☐ Refugee youth
- ☐ Internally displaced youth
- ☐ Youth with disability

How did you learn about the scholarship _____

For refugees kindly provide the following information:

1. Refugee status: _____
2. UNHCR Number: _____
3. Do you live in a camp or as an integrated refugee: _____
4. If camp, please name the camp: _____
5. If integrated, please give details of residence and contact details of persons responsible for your integration. _____



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For Internally Displaced Youth, Kindly provide the following:

1. Letter from relevant government authority stating reason and nature of displacement.

For persons with disability, kindly provide the following information:

1. Nature of disability: _____
2. Are you registered with any disability organizations? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes which one? _____
3. Please indicate any special accommodation needs that you may require _____

C. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of High/ Secondary School: _____

Physical Address:(Location) _____

Date of Graduation: _____

High/Secondary school exam system (e.g WAEC, IGCSE, KCSE, etc) Grade (s) Obtained _____

School Type (mark **all** that apply): Government/Public ☐ Independent/Private ☐

Religious Boarding ☐

List all other Institutions (Tertiary – Universities or colleges) and any other academic programs you have attended.

Level	Dates Attended	Name of institution	Sponsor (if any)	Qualification or Grade Obtained
University				
College				
Others				

Who paid for previous education?

- ☐ Guardian (s) related to applicant
- ☐ Guardian (s) not related to applicant



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- ☐ Parent
- ☐ Scholarship (attach recommendation letter from sponsor)
- ☐ Self
- ☐ Sibling (s)
- ☐ Sponsor (s)
- ☐ Other

If other; state who paid fees: _____

Applicant Name: _____ **Phone/Email:** _____

D. FAMILY INFORMATION (Contact person in case of emergency)

Section 1: Parents or Guardians

Parent/Guardian #1

Surname: _____

First Names (Given Names): _____

Relation to you: _____ Occupation: _____

Highest Level of Education Attained: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Email: _____

Country of Residence: _____ Physical Address: _____

Parent/Guardian #2

Surname: _____

First Names (Given Names): _____

Relation to you: _____ Occupation: _____

Highest Level of Education Attained: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Email: _____

Country of Residence: _____ Physical Address: _____

Primary language spoken at home: _____

Other Languages: _____



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Section 2: Siblings: Please list the Names, Level of Education, genders and ages of any brothers/sisters you have, even if they don't live in your household. If you need more lines please attach a separate page at the end.

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Applicant Name: _____ **Signature** _____

E. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (300 words maximum)

- 1. Describe a previously held leadership position, activities, or experiences: (i.e. positions where you guided or led a group of people, a project, or a cause in which you were involved)**

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2. State any Awards and Honors received: (i.e., academic award; Outstanding leadership award, Community service award etc.

3. What are you passionate about, what do you love to do and why? (300 words maximum)

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F. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program vision is that Scholars will use their education to create change and improve the lives of others. **(500 words maximum)**

- Have you ever engaged in any voluntary activity (Yes or NO)
- If the answer is yes, describe your voluntary activities and experiences.
- Describe your aspirations for social change and how you plan to achieve social change through your career.

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Applicant Name:_____ **Phone/Email:**_____



G. ACTIVITIES

Please list up to three of the most important activities in each category (in order of importance to you) that you have participated in during the past three years, either through your secondary school or independently/in your community. Complete only the sections relevant to you.

School and Community Service:

Activity	Role	Number of years
Example: Student Government		
1.		
2.		
3.		

Employment/Entrepreneurial Enterprises:

Activity	Role	Number of years
1.		
2.		
3.		

Competitions/Conferences/Special Programs:

Activity	Role	Number of years
1.		
2.		
3.		

Artistic/Musical:

Activity	Role	Number of years
1.		
2.		
3.		

Athletics:

Activity	Role	Number of years
1.		
2.		
3.		



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H. CERTIFICATION PAGE

I, _____ hereby certify that all information contained in this application is truthfully and accurately presented and as my work alone and give my permission to USIU-Africa to obtain any verification deemed necessary to process my application. Finally, I acknowledge that completing this application form does not guarantee scholarship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CONTACT DETAILS

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