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How old are you?	20
What city do you live in?	Nyaribari Chache Kisii, Nyanza
What State/Province do you live in?	None
What country do you live in?	Kenya
Please upload a headshot of yourself.	WhatsApp Image 2025-02-10 at 12.53.16_86c92845.jpg
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By checking YES below you agree that by submitting this application you consent to be interviewed, photographed and/or video recorded about your experience with the Linux Foundation for publicity purposes.	Yes
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Employment & Education

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What is your employment status?	Full-time Student
What is your job title or area of study? If you are an unemployed IT professional, please provide your most recent IT-related job title.	Computer Science
What is the name of your employer or school? If you are an unemployed IT professional please provide the name of your most recent IT-related employer.	Kisii University
Street Address:	Kisii - Kilgoris Road, 2 km from Kisii Town Centre
City:	Kisii
State/Province:	None
Country:	Kenya
How many years experience to you have as an IT professional?	1 to 3 Years
Do you volunteer as an IT professional for a community based organization or NGO (non-governmental organization)?	No

Technology & Learning

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What area(s) of open source do you want to learn about next? Why? (Maximum point value: 20 points)

I would like to learn more on the tools used in penetration testing and some of the ethical hacking frameworks. This is because I would like to specialize in cyber security and a great way to start is by learning some of the tools like Nmap, Metasploit, Wireshark, and many more. Since I am pursuing a computer science degree, learning more of these open-source tools will enable me to achieve my goal of becoming a cybersecurity expert. Learning these tools in-depth will enable me to build a stronger foundation in ethical hacking, and in return I will be in a position to contribute to and improve the open-source communities.

Describe your experience using and developing open source software or technology. (Maximum point value: 20 points).

I have been using open source tools as part of my learning journey, especially in areas related to cybersecurity. I regularly use Kali Linux and have been practicing with tools like Nmap, Wireshark, and Metasploit to understand how different types of attacks work and how systems can be protected. I have also explored platforms like TryHackMe and GitHub to learn from existing projects and experiment on my own. While I haven't officially contributed to any open-source projects yet, I'm really interested in doing so in the near future, ,, even if it's something simple like improving documentation or helping with beginner-friendly tools.

Why is learning more about open source technology important to your future? (Maximum point value: 20 points).

Honestly, open source tech is kind of a big deal for me. Most of what I've been learning like tools in Kali Linux, Wireshark, Nmap, all that is open source, and without them, I'd probably still be staring at a blank screen wondering where to even start . I feel like open source makes tech more fair like, anyone with internet and curiosity can dive in and learn. That's literally how I got into cybersecurity in the first place. I messed around with some tools, broke a few things , but I learned a ton. Long-term, I want to be really good at this ethical hacking, penetration testing, maybe even contribute to some tools myself one day. So yeah, open source isn't just helpful, it's kind of the foundation of everything I'm building towards.

Scholarship Categories

Carefully review the following categories and select the one that best matches to you. Select carefully as your choice will lead you to a final essay question for the scholarship application based on your selection. This is the most important question in your application with a maximum point value of 40 points.

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Open Source Newbie

Open Source Newbie: I am a full-time college student studying to be an IT professional taking at least 4 college-level classes per semester or an IT professional with less than two years experience and I have learned the basics and am looking to continue to expand my open source knowledge and skills through additional training and ...

What area of open source do you plan to further pursue with your career? Why? Be as specific as possible. (Maximum point value: 40 points).

I plan to focus on open-source cybersecurity tools, especially in ethical hacking and penetration testing. Tools like Metasploit, Nmap, and Wireshark have already taught me a ton, and I really wanna dive deeper into how they're built and what makes them tick. I also want to explore how these tools can be tweaked or improved for different hacking scenarios. Bug bounty programs and red team tools also really interest me .many of these are open source and constantly being updated. In the future, I'd love to get involved in developing tools that help new people get into ethical hacking or improve security awareness. Who knows, maybe I'll even build my own someday. Open source has given me the chance to learn, experiment, and break things and later on fix them. It's definitely helped me so far, and I hope to contribute back one day, helping others the way the community has helped me. Cybersecurity is the goal, and open-source tools are def how I plan to get there.