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Admissions Committee United States International University-Africa P.O. Box 14634 - 00800 Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Members of the Admissions Committee,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to apply for the Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Analytics program at the United States International University-Africa through the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program.

I come from a humble background, born and raised in a small village where my parents, farmers, have dedicated their lives to agriculture. Their relentless efforts provide our family with a monthly income of \$85. Despite their unwavering commitment, I need more than this amount to cover the educational expenses for me and my siblings, along with other essential needs. The African Students' Education Fund's generous support has enabled me to pursue my education from senior one to senior six. However, the financial constraints persist, making it challenging to continue my studies without external assistance.

My decision to apply to the Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Analytics program at USIU-Africa is rooted in the university's stellar reputation for academic excellence and its commitment to fostering innovation and critical thinking. The School of Science and Technology's dedication to providing a world-class education aligns seamlessly with my passion for data science. I am particularly drawn to the program's emphasis on combining theoretical knowledge with practical skills, providing students with a well-rounded and applicable understanding of the field.

Furthermore, the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program's commitment to supporting individuals facing financial, gender, displacement, or disability constraints resonates deeply with my values. I am eager to contribute to the diverse and inclusive community at USIU-Africa, where I can thrive academically and personally.

Upon completing the Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Analytics program at USIU-Africa, I envision myself at the forefront of the data science field, leveraging my skills and knowledge to address societal challenges. I am committed to positively impacting my community and the broader African continent by utilizing data science as a powerful tool for innovation, problem-solving, and social change. My ultimate goal is to contribute to developing and implementing data-driven solutions that address pressing issues and contribute to the advancement of society.

In conclusion, I am deeply honored to have the opportunity to apply for the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at USIU-Africa. I am confident that, if given the chance, I will excel academically and contribute meaningfully to the university community and, subsequently, to the greater good of society.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to further discussing my aspirations and how I can contribute to the USIU-Africa community.

Sincerely,

Telesphore Uwabera