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To whoever it may concern,

It is my great pleasure to recommend Hamza Mwamoto, who I know in my position as a school counselor at Ilboru Secondary School. It is a joy to have him at the school throughout his A - level studies representing a few students who have dedicated their time and work to building a wonderful community here at Ilboru.

Hamza was already among the brightest students in school when I first met him, and over time, I have seen him rise to success in various fields, earning praise and prayers from his teachers and parents, as they mentioned his remarkable academic achievements, leadership qualities, and unwavering commitment to personal growth and community service.

Hamza possesses a prolific academic record, as he is never hesitant to take up new academic challenges, which he manages to ace with his rigorous work ethic. On top of that, he consistently ranks among the top in his class, demonstrating a deep passion for learning and a particular aptitude for mathematics. It is precisely due to this diligence and hard work that has enabled him to receive a high-quality education at Ilboru Secondary school on full government scholarship throughout his high school. In his A-Levels, he opted for a handful of additional studies, covering other contents which did not cover in the classroom, and hence he relied on self-study, but he still managed with great enthusiasm.

In addition to his academic achievements, Hamza's leadership qualities set him apart. As the school's Discipline Prefect, he played a pivotal role in fostering a culture of respect and accountability. He collaborated with teachers to establish the "Maadili Club," which promotes life skills and ethical values, resulting in a significant decrease in student misconduct. He is also the vice chairperson of the Mathematics club where he connects and inspires his fellow like-minded students, who are passionate about the field. His genuine commitment to improving school discipline and academic excellence earned him widespread respect from both students and staff, consequently earning him recognition as the best leader of the student's government from the Headmaster during the Ilboru Academic Day event held annually.

However, his achievements outside the classroom are no less exceptional. As his school counselor and former STEM club patron, I supervised him for his project entry to the E3Empower Science Fair and Young Scientist of Tanzania exhibitions (YST) where he qualified to the nationals, the first of many achievements, not to mention his performance in the Tanzania Mathematics Olympiad (TAMO), where he was honored as one of the top ten students nationally, a testament to his intellectual dedication. Additionally, his project on biomass energy earned accolades at the Nelson Mandela Arusha Institute of Science and Technology exhibitions. Nevertheless, he has managed to effectively balance his commitments both inside and outside the classroom.

Now he is amongst the foremost students to organize and volunteer for school events, such as he represented dormitory students on Parents' day due to his confidence. Together with his colleagues, Hamza has been actively visiting the neighboring government schools to inspire students who took science subjects at the secondary level, and adoption of the STEM club in their schools. He has spearheaded several impactful projects, including waste management at our school through the installation of strategically placed dustbins, a collaborative project to rehabilitate the Ilboru river and a research initiative on the extinction of vervet monkeys in the river, demonstrating his efforts to sustainability and addressing ecological issues.

Hamza is also a vital player of the school's student basketball team and the founder of the dormitory's monthly tournament. It is through his collaborative spirit, open-mindedness, and strong communication skills, as the captain of our basketball team, he managed to lead his peers to the National Tanzania Secondary Schools Sports Union - UMISSETA competitions, bringing home medals and pride to our school. Also, being a talented player with excellent argumentative skills, Hamza took charge. He initiated a culture of healthy eating and regular exercising at our school - a valuable contribution is that while we had achieved stellar success in academic and science events, no such precedent existed in the school for this context. His ability to inspire teamwork and perseverance on the court reflects his broader leadership capabilities.

Belonging from a humble background, Hamza is an empathetic and compassionate person who always takes time to participate in community service programs during the summer break and the regular academic session despite his tremendous workload. He was a part of the team that volunteered for the Huruma Orphanage where they helped with daily activities such as preparing healthy food, organized and supervised fundraising for the center, and finally having dinner together with the kids, along sharing their inspirational experiences. Moreover, he participated in blood donation drives for individuals with sickle cell anemia, conducted by the Mount Meru hospital, to help those in need yet can't afford the blood for transfusion. Hamza, despite being a Muslim, has

also worked as a tutor at Ilboru Lutheran Church orphanage. The involvement is crucial because Hamza is high achieving from a low income background and cares about giving back to his community, and on the other hand demonstrates his ability to cope with cultural diversity.

I have seen Hamza grow as a remarkably self-aware, mature person who is always respectful to his elders and supportive of his peers and juniors at the same time. He is an inspiration for the students who often come up with their issues to him, which he listens to intently and guides them to the best of his capacity. I have heard from his peers that Hamza assists them with their studies by taking time out during the weekdays.

Having known Hamza for a long time and witnessing most of his deeds, affirmed to me that he deserves a place that will continue to nurture his skills and intellectual curiosity. Having this chance to recommend him, I know Hamza will fit in your community, and thrive. I believe Hamza will make excellent use of your resources, from faculties to the labs to theaters, to excel. Good enough, from his very roots, Hamza has always been a man of the people. Giving him the chance to grow in a good place like your school would not only be benefitting him but it would also be doing us, our developing community here in Tanzania, a favor. I believe that you would make him an invaluable asset to us. I am confident that he will use whatever opportunities you grant him to give back and improve our community here. Hamza is a friend who always gives back—a person who uses his own achievements to uplift those around him. I can only imagine the incredible contributions he'd make at your school and far beyond.

Sincerely,



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