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## Scholars Program

### APPLICATION FORM FOR SEPTEMBER (FALL) 2024 INTAKE FOR THE MASTERCARD FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY-AFRICA (USIU-AFRICA)

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](mailto:mcfsp-applications@usiu.ac.ke) by **Friday, November 24, 2023**. Our selection committee will review all applications carefully and nominate finalists for interviews. All finalists will be interviewed either in person or virtually. Communication to the selected Scholars will be done by **Tuesday April 30, 2024**.

A completed application should include the following:

1. Scholarship 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.

**NB:** The application letter should be sent as an attachment alongside the other documents.
2. Copies of academic documents (final high school certificates);
3. Recommendation letter from your high school teacher, head teacher or sponsoring organization. The letter must be current, official, stamped and signed.
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).
7. A copy of disability registration document/card (where applicable).

Applicants are advised to complete every section of the application form. INCOMPLETE applications will NOT be evaluated.

Complete applications should be delivered in person/mailed only ONCE. Duplicate applications or several emails from the same person will lead to disqualification of the applicant. Applications sent to another email address other than the one provided will not be evaluated

**DEADLINE:**

All applications must be received by **Friday, November 24, 2023 at 11:59pm (East Africa Time)**. We strongly encourage earlier submissions.

**\*\*Please read carefully all the instructions and gather all the necessary supporting documents before filling the application form. You must provide a valid email address and a phone number where you can be reached. Your handwriting must be legible in order for your application to be processed.**

**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.

Name; First: WISDOM Middle: KWAME Last: DZONTOH

Other name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender: F ☐ M ☒ Nationality: GHANAIAN Birth: Date: 18 / 05 / 1999  
Day Month Year

Marital status; Single: ☒ Married: \_\_\_\_\_ No of children(if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Age at the time of application: 24 years

Country of Birth: Ghana

Country of Citizenship: Ghana

Country of residence at the time of application: Ghana

County/Region: Greater Accra - Ghana

Place of residence at the time of application: Urban ☒ Rural ☐ Peri-urban ☐

Do you have a passport? Yes ☒ No ☐ \*Passport No: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Passport Issued by (Country): Ghana

Your Email Address (write in capital letters): WISDOMDZONTOH@GMAIL.COM

Mobile Phone (Including Country Code): +233 558749735

Permanent Physical Address: GA-258-6269

Primary language spoken: ENGLISH

Other Languages: TWI, EWE



## B: CATEGORY OF SCHOLARSHIP

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

- ☐ Young Woman
- ☒ Young Man
- ☐ Refugee/displaced youth
- ☐ Youth with disability

How did you learn about the scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ A virtual/physical information session by the Scholars Program team
- ☐ Friends/Relatives
- ☐ Former high school teacher
- ☐ Partner organization
- ☒ Website/social media page
- ☒ Mastercard Foundation Scholars
- ☐ Program beneficiary
- ☐ USIU-Africa staff

**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. \_\_\_\_\_

**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 (please describe briefly): \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you registered with any disability organizations? Yes ☐ No ☐  
If yes which one? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Please attach your disability registration form/card
4. Please indicate any special accommodation needs that you may require \_\_\_\_\_

### C. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

State the degree program you are applying for Bachelor of Science in Software engineering  
Your program of choice must be among the 13 sponsored programs (Refer to the Call for Applications)

Name of High/Secondary School: Nifa Senior High School

Physical Address:(Location): Adukrom - Akwapem (P.O Box 27 Adukrom-Akp)

Date of Graduation: June 2017

High/Secondary school exam system (e.g. WAEC, GCE, KCSE, etc): WAEC

Grade (s) Obtained: C4, C5, C4, B3, C5, B3, C5, D7

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

Have you ever applied to, placed by the government or admitted to a tertiary institution? Yes ☒ No ☐

If you answered yes, please provide additional information in the table below:

Name of the Institution	Date applied/ admitted	Duration of studies	Qualification Obtained
college of	10th September,	Three (3) years	Diploma
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If you were admitted/placed by the government but did not attend or you attended but did not graduate, give reasons and attach evidence:

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Who paid for your High/Secondary school education?

- ☐ Guardian (s) (Related to the applicant)  
☐ Guardian (s) not related to applicant  
☐ Parent  
☐ Scholarship (attach recommendation letter from sponsor/ proof)  
☒ Sibling (s)  
☐ Sponsor (s)  
☐ Other

If other; state who paid fees: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: Dzontoh Wisdom Mawuli Phone/Email: +233558749735/wisdomdzontoh@gmail



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

### Section 1: Parents or Guardians

#### Parent/Guardian #1

Surname: Amanu First: Mercy  
Other names: Ama Relation to you: Mother  
Occupation (mandatory): unemployed Estimated income per month: 200 cedis  
Highest Level of Education Attained: Junior High School  
Mobile Phone (include code): +233 245380035 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country of Residence: Ghana Physical Address: GA-258-6269

#### Parent/Guardian #2

Surname: Danku First: Vincentia  
Other names: Adjo Relation to you: Sibling  
Occupation: Disease Control officer Estimated income per month: 1,700 cedis  
Highest Level of Education Attained: College Diploma  
Mobile Phone: +233 40403446 Email: adjo.danku@gmail.com  
Country of Residence: Ghana Physical Address: Akatsi - Volta region

**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.

Full Name	Gender (M/F)	Age	Highest level of education/ degree attained	Occupation/Employment/ Monthly income
Vincentia Adjo Danku	F	39	Diploma	Disease Control officer / 1,700 cedis
Charity Dzontoh	F	27	Degree	Clinical nurse assistant / 1,800 cedis
Philomina Danku	F	35	Junior High School	Seamstress / 500 cedis

Applicant Name: Dzontoh Wisdom Mawuli Phone/Email: wisdomdzontoh@gmail.com  
+233 558749735

## E. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

(Write your essays only within the spaces provided)

### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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)

As a Science club treasurer at my school, I held a significant position that allowed me to actively contribute to the club's success and growth. I meticulously handled the club's budget, tracking income and expenses to maintain financial transparency. I also played a crucial role in planning the club's budget for the academic year. This required careful consideration of upcoming activities, projects and their associated costs. To support our science related initiatives and outreach programs, I organized and participated in various fundraising activities. In summary my experience as the Science Club treasure in my school allowed me take on leadership role with real responsibilities. It provided me skills in financial management, teamwork and advocacy.

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

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3. What are you passionate about and how will your program of study contribute to your passion?

I am deeply passionate about softwares and its engineering and profound impact it has on the modern world. Software engineering, to me, is not just a field of study but a powerful tool for innovation, problem-solving and positive change. My program of study in BSc. Software engineering is the perfect avenue to nurture and expand upon this passion. Through this program, I will deepen technical expertise. The curriculum will provide me with a strong



foundation in programming languages, software development methodologies and system architecture. Software engineering is fundamentally about solving real-world problems through technology. My program will enhance my problem-solving abilities, allowing me to tackle complex challenges and design efficient solutions. Software engineering is a field where learning never stops. My program will instill in me the value of continuous learning, encouraging me to stay updated with the latest trends and technologies.

Applicant Name: Dzontoh Wlickm Nana Phone/Email: wickmdzontoh@gmail.com  
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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.

Describe the voluntary/community activities and experiences you have engaged in the past

I volunteered at health clinics and participated in community health outreach programs. This allowed me to assist healthcare professionals in providing vital services to underserved populations and promote health education within communities. I participated in the recent Harmonized Health Facility Assessment survey that was conducted in the later part of 2022, i.e. December 2022 to 2023. This survey helped in taking accurate data from health facilities around the country to enable or help in making informed decisions about the availability and accessibility of healthcare in the nation.

Describe your aspirations for social change and how you plan to achieve social change through your program of study

My aspirations for social change is closing the digital divide. Bringing the digital divide is essential for social equity. I intend to delve into research and projects focused on providing internet access and digital literacy training to marginalized communities.

By understanding the challenges and barriers to internet access, I hope to contribute to initiatives that ensure digital inclusion for all.

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## 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. (Attach evidence)

### Leadership at School Level:

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

### Community/ Volunteer Experience:

Activity	Role	Number of years
Example: Poultry farming		
1. Routine facility data management	Supervisor (Regional)	2
2. Monitoring and supervision		
3. of HIV/AIDS data	Regional Supervisor	2

### Business and Entrepreneurship workshops:

Activity	Role	Number of years
Example: Science Congress		
1.		
2.		
3.		



**Athletic, Artistic and Musical Competitions:**

Activity	Role	Number of years
Example: Music festival		
1.		
2.		
3.		

Is there any additional information you would want to share with us to support your application?

I am a young man eager to learn and help my community with my skills. I have basic knowledge of programming languages like python, C++, C, HTML, CSS, JS which was self taught and I have build some projects out of. below is my github account, you can review for my projects.

[github.com/wisdomd2020](https://github.com/wisdomd2020).

## H. CERTIFICATION PAGE

I, Dzontoh Wisdom Mawuli hereby certify that all information contained in this application is truthfully and accurately presented and is 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: 27/09/2023

### Application submission guidelines

1. Read carefully through the application guidelines on the Call for Applications document before submitting your application.
2. Go through your application and review to make sure you have all the required documents and your form is completely filled before submission. Incomplete forms will not be evaluated.
3. Submit only 1 application. Multiple submissions will lead to automatic disqualification.
4. When submitting your application, all documents must be scanned in PDF format and named accordingly then sent as an attachment(s) on email.
5. Do not convert your application form to word document when you download. Print the form, fill it and then scan into pdf format. PDF editor is acceptable.
6. The subject of the application email should be your name and nationality.
7. Use the provided email address to send your application; [mcfsp-applications@usiu.ac.ke](mailto:mcfsp-applications@usiu.ac.ke). Any application sent to a different email address will NOT be evaluated.
8. If your sibling or immediate family member is a beneficiary of the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at USIU-Africa, you are NOT eligible to apply.

### Note:

Submitting a complete application does not guarantee award of scholarship

## CONTACT DETAILS

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