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## Education is Power Post-Secondary Student Application

Applications must be typed and emailed to [applications@educationispower.org](mailto:applications@educationispower.org) as a Microsoft word document in .doc or .docx.

Education is Power (EIP) is a non-profit organization run by volunteers in Canada, Kenya, and Tanzania. Our principal goal is to empower young East Africans to give back to their community and become leaders of change. We do this by providing financial assistance for secondary and post-secondary education at East African schools, as well as by mentoring these young leaders to become active volunteers and responsible global citizens. **EIP is not a full sponsorship.** EIP will only support post-secondary students who show commitment to raise a minimum of 25% of their school fees (committed students seek government student student loans, initiate fundraising, seek support from their family or other avenues.) **All students must prove they applied for a student loan or provide proof that they are not eligible for one.**

### Basic Information of Prospective Student

Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Gender:

Contact Number:

Email:

**Instructions:** First write your basic information. Then answer the required questions in essay format with subheadings for each topic (i.e. Program Information and Budget, Student Background and Finances, Future Goals, Volunteer Experience, and Final Comments). The essay with sub headings should be **1000 to 1250 words**.

### Program Information & Budget

1. What program would you like to study - at what school and when would you start? How long is the program?
2. Provide an acceptance letter to your program and the fee structure for one year. (If you can't get this yet, please submit your application anyway and indicate that it is in progress). Attach this in the email with your application.
3. Provide a course outline or a detailed description of your program of choice. Preferably, this would be provided by your school and attached in email with your application. If this is not possible please use 100 words minimum to explain what your program will entail and attach this as a separate document in the email with your application.

4. In a separate document, please write a budget and detailed breakdown of your living expenses that will be incurred during your studies. Attach this in the email with your application. Please note that if you live close enough to your school, you should expect that you may have to commute to school. Therefore include a comparative budget of paying for rent and food vs. commuting and living with your family. **(EIP will not pay for all expenses except for extreme cases. We must see your budget to know you have the skills to plan and manage your finances.)**

## Student Background and Finances

1. Outline your bio and family background. Where are you from? Who do you live with? Who is in your family? What do your parents do? What activities do you like? Etc. (150-200 words)
2. Attach a photo of yourself in the email with your application document.
3. Attach your final results from secondary school in the email with your application document.
4. Why would it **not** be possible for you to gain an education without financial assistance? (40-70 words)
5. Is your immediate or extended family able to contribute **anything** to your educational costs? If not then explain. (40-70 words)
6. Are you able to obtain a student loan or subsidy? If not then explain why not? (40-90 words) **(You must provide proof that you applied or provide reasonable proof that you are not eligible to gain a student loan; please ask if you need assistance on how to apply or if there are any other issues).**
7. How have you been paying for your living expenses up to the present time? (40-70 words)
8. Do you have any savings to contribute to your education costs? If not then explain. (30-60 words)
9. What activities do you plan to do to raise funds to contribute to your costs? Will you be working during your studies or over the holiday period? (50-80 words)

## Future Goals

1. What motivated you to apply for your desired schooling program? (75-125 words)
2. What are your current goals? (40-70 words)
3. What are your future goals? (50-80 words)
4. How will your community (and family) benefit from you gaining this education? (75-125 words)
5. How would you contribute to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals / Sustainable Development Goals through your career path and/or other avenues? \*\* (150-200 words)
6. How will you contribute to environmental stewardship with your future plans? Do you think environmental conservation is important? Why? (60-90 words)

\*\* Prospective students aspiring to vocational programs may not be required to do questions 5 (Please ask for clarification). Academic students are expected to research the U.N. Millennium Development Goals or more recent U.N. Sustainable Development Goals.

## Volunteering & Experience

1. Explain why (or why not) volunteering is important. (50-80 words)
2. Do you think volunteering can lead to job opportunities? Why or why not? (40-70 words)
3. What volunteer contributions have you made to your community or country at large?
4. In what way will you continue to volunteer? Or how will you start to volunteer? Are you willing and enthusiastic to volunteer for Education Is Power? Why or Why not? (60-90 words)
5. Provide your resume that contains the minimum following information: your full name, address, contact, age, career objective, past work, volunteer experience, and verification references. Please attach this as a separate document in the same email with your application.
6. Please include one letter of support from a teacher, principal, or community leader you have worked with.

## Final Comments

This is your chance to elaborate on any points we did not ask. Why should we choose you as a student of Education is Power? How will you help us achieve our motto to “Empower one who can empower others.”? (40-90 words)

## Checklist of items for emailing a complete application:

- Your photo is attached.
- Your final results slip from secondary school is attached.
- Proof of application for student loan or proof that you are not eligible to gain a student loan.
- Acceptance letter to your desired program.
- Fee structure for at least one year of your desired program.
- Course outline/overview as described in this application.
- Your detailed budget breakdown on a separate page (as described in this application).
- Your resume as described in this application.
- One letter of support as described in this application.

### Important notes:

EIP post-secondary graduates are to payback 25% of their donations to support future students of Education Is Power. If accepted, there will be a contract you must sign to agree to this.

If you are having trouble obtaining documents from your prospective school or government, please remember that **it is better to submit an application completed to the best of your abilities than to not send any application at all!**

Remember to type your application in a MS word document (.doc or .docx) and to send all items of your application **in one email** to [applications@educationispower.org](mailto:applications@educationispower.org).

If you have questions regarding this application please email [info@educationispower.org](mailto:info@educationispower.org).