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自傳 Statement of purpose	<p>My name is Albert Mohamed Abdulkadir. I am a Deaf Somali refugee living in Kenya. I arrived in Kenya in June 1988 on a full Missionary Scholarship due to lack of special education for the Deaf in Somalia.</p> <p>I attended Kerugoya School for the Deaf for my primary education from which I graduated in 1989. In 1990 I began my secondary education at Kerugoya Boys High School where I completed in 1993. While still in high school in 1991, the civil war in Somalia began. I lost my father and sister in the war. This did not allow me to lose focus in life. I worked very hard and passes my secondary education examination. I also applied to Gallaudet University where I was admitted for the Fall 1994 Semester.</p> <p>However my status had changed from an international student to a refugee as a result of the civil war in my country. As a refugee I could not find any funds. Instead I found a Missionary willing to sponsor at Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya.</p> <p>I was the first Deaf student at Daystar University where no</p>		

services for the deaf are available. However I studied hard and earned a Pre University Certificate with a GPA of 2.73 in 1995.

Since then I have been struggling to find a scholarship to attend Gallaudet or RIT. In 2006 I found a sponsor willing to sponsor me for a certificate course in Counseling at Kenya Association of Professional Counselors. I am now desperately seeking funds to study for their Higher Diploma in counseling which will enable me to serve the Deaf Somali community affected by war trauma among other problems.

My problem is that I am a refugee and that my country is still facing a civil war. I have never forgotten the problems of the Deaf people in my country. There was never an association for the Deaf until I formed Somalia Federation of the Deaf.

Now thanks to my efforts, the Board of WFD is now going to decide on the admission of Somalia Federation of the Deaf as the national member for Somalia. It is a tremendous achievement to form this organization because I and my fellow Deaf Somalis are refugees and stateless persons with no source of funding.

By awarding me the Chen Memorial Scholarship you will be helping me contribute toward the future of special education for the Deaf in Somalia as well as the welfare of the deaf Somali community. Thank you and God bless you.