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自傳 Statement of purpose	<p>I would like to apply for scholarship because I wanted to pursue my graduate school, which will start the 16th of January 2007. I will study International Development because it is my field of interest and I intend to follow this profession. My future objective is to work with the United State Agency for International Development (USAID), and other Non-profit organizations, which can assist me with the funds needed to launch a new school, composed of Kindergarten, primary and secondary school for the deaf in the Congo.</p> <p>In the past, I experienced a lot of frustration in understanding instruction because teachers had no sign language skills to communicate with deaf students. Throughout my early school years, I have had to work hard to succeed in school. I was really sad to see so many Deaf students struggle through a poor school system only to be illiterate after graduation. During my 5 years of work as a Congolese Sign Language teacher, I fought for deaf students' right to have all course materials taught in Congolese Sign language to ensure that they could learn; however, my efforts were too often not taken proper</p>		

consideration.

During my undergraduate studies, I dreamed of improving the quality of education, and advocating for the human rights for Deaf people in the Congo. When taking my graduate level introduction to International Development course last fall of 2006, I realized that, in order to attain that dream, advanced International Development study was the only way to best fuel my initiatives because this field of study relates to disability issues such as education, accessibility, rights and equality. So, given this, I have decided to pursue my Master's degree in International Development this spring semester.

Improving the quality of education of deaf people in the Congo is my top priority because many Deaf people are illiterate. Education is the key to success and plays the most pivotal role in our lives. To live and work in the real world requires the ability to read and write. Without this essential base, how will it be possible for the large Deaf community in the Congo to control their own lives and survive in a country that demands progressive attitudes? Therefore education is imperative, and it is of the utmost importance that people like me continue to strive to bring educational percepts to the Congo and its deaf population.

Accomplishing my dream is depended upon your scholarship to support my education in order to secure a MA degree. In actuality, your scholarship support will surely mean a lot and give me the opportunity to continue my graduate studies and in exchange, I will want to bring your positive results, which mean that I will really work hard to complete my studies in good standing. In addition to this exchange, I intend to return to Congo after the completion of my graduate school years, to give a hand to the Deaf community to learn how themselves and be proud of whom they are and what they can accomplish in their lives.