



Hello, my name is **Brown Nyangoto** and I am from the village area of Kisii County in western Kenya. I enjoy playing volleyball, and being part of an officiating team that referees rugby matches! With me hailing from the village area, there is a strong sense of pride that I am representing more than just myself. My dream is to soar beyond my wildest imagination to achieve great heights!

Unfortunately, my greatest hurdle has been lack of school fees and tuition payments. Being the youngest of three siblings does have its benefits but also its drawbacks. My parents have struggled financially as the cost of inflation has risen as they are casual workers. However, despite those challenges, I still managed to complete my primary school education at Birongo Mixed Academy in Kisii receiving high marks on the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education exam (KCPE). This allowed me to continue my education at Kisii Secondary School and earn high marks on the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) exam.

My journey has been marked with resiliency, and an unwavering commitment to excellence in the classroom as well as in my community. Education to me is a personal path to achieving my goals and making a lasting impression on my community. I have actively remained a devoted member of my church, involved in facilitating Bible studies, and volunteering whenever the need arises. Alongside my older brother, and best friend. I am participating in community cleanups, tree-planting endeavors, and campaigns to raise awareness of the adverse impacts of climate change.

When I learned I was a finalist for this one-year academic scholarship from We One Action Network (USA), I was overwhelmed with excitement. Thank you for believing in me and for seeing my potential. I will make you proud. God bless you all!

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