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自传: Statement of Purpose:	<p>Since my childhood, I have dreamed of achieving a higher education and become something worth for people in this world, especially my county, community until I become deaf myself at age 10 years old and experiencing the need of deaf and hard of hearing people. For now, my goal is to study hard and get a doctoral degree in Psychology and go back in my country to help my brothers and sisters who are suffering from all impacts of the 1993 genocide and the war that followed it. I plan to work with deaf people in Burundi, Rwanda, and all the Africa of the Great Lakes.</p> <p>Deaf people in Burundi and Rwanda are survivors of the worst genocide in the world after Hilter's Holocaust. All deaf people need to mental health assistance to help them recover from war and genocide experience. This is the main reason I decided to major in Psychology so I can help them. I have worked many years within the Burundi National Association for the Deaf and we try to give deaf people assistance we can get.</p>		

After graduating from High School, the Burundi Board of Education rejected my application to enter into Public University for the only reason that I am deaf. This was reinforcement instead of discouraging me, I decided to encourage other deaf people and we together founded the Burundi National Association for the Deaf which gave us the right and ability to speak out to the government and recognize our existence as human being and the need to be treated equally. The inability of our country to understand that deaf people are normal like others shows that someone has to stand before them and convince them that we function normally and we are all equal, no matter what disability we have. We can't do this without a higher education.

I need to get sponsors and scholarships in order to finish my education and be able to go and assist deaf people in the third world. I am from the poorest country in world, Burundi. My father was massacred in Genocide when I was 12 years old and my family is still in refugee camp. Your assistance will help me pay tuition and text books for this semester. I am self-supporting International student; hopefully with your assistance I will get my Associate degree in Social Science in May 2008. And If I get more funds I will reach Burundi and Rwanda in Summer to continue workshops projects for social education in cooperation with other non-profit organization working in Central and East Africa.