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To Whom It May Concern:

Prince Obere is a jovial, happy-go-lucky guy who knows everyone on campus. Prince's charisma is legendary.

What is not well known is that Prince has undergone extensive surgeries this year to remove a cancerous brain tumor. Prince's physical struggle to live, not just get by, is very real. He suffers from daily headaches, loss of vision, and many other ailments. He takes several strong medicines every day to counter the loss of a pituitary gland, and to fight the remaining bits of tumor left since his last surgery.

In spite of this extraordinary setback, Prince has been accepted to nearly every university he applied to this fall. As of this writing, he is deciding to attend either University of Nevada, Reno, or California State University, Chico, as a business major.

In addition to overcoming his daily physical challenges, Prince has lead an extraordinary life! He was born in Kenya, and moved to the U.S. as a young child when his mom married an American, who is white. Living in South Lake Tahoe as an African American of mixed parents, and being an only child of a strong Kenyan mother with very high expectations, has provided Prince with the most unique perspective of just about anyone I know!

This scholarship, if awarded, would be a boon to Prince. He cannot work. His family's medical bills are nearly unsurmountable. His stepfather is retired, and his mother only recently began a new job.

Prince Obere is one of those students who has left an indelible mark on how I do my job. When I start to think of challenges, and what some students have to do to overcome them, I will always refer to Prince. His enthusiastic nature, undeniable charm, and infectious laughter are qualities I wish all people shared.

Sincerely,

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