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The Zawadi Africa Educational Fund in partnership with the Madhvani Foundation is pleased to invite applications from Ugandan Girls for 5 (five) University Scholarships overseas, in a newly developed strategic partnership between the Zawadi Africa Educational Fund and the Madhvani Foundation.

The Zawadi Africa Educational Fund is a US-based non-profit organization that secures scholarships and covers startup costs for academically gifted but financially disadvantaged young women with strong leadership potential to enable them to pursue a College education. The Zawadi Africa Education Fund is based on the highly successful Kennedy/Mboya Airlifts of the 1960's, sponsored by President John F. Kennedy Tom Mboya, who worked with Colleges and Universities in the US to bring needy African students to the US with the objective of having them then return to their countries to become the leaders of the future. The program was clearly successful, as evidenced by the number of leaders who have come out of this program. Prof. Wangari Mathaai, a Nobel Peace prize winner, and Barack Obama Sr. father of Barack Obama and are some of the Alumni of this prestigious program.

The Zawadi Africa program has also enjoyed great success in its 6 years of existence. Today the Zawadi Africa Educational Fund has 55 girls studying at top Colleges and Universities around the US, including Yale University, MIT, Smith, University of Cincinnati, Xavier University, the College of Mt St Josephs and Miami University. The Zawadi students have excelled over the years, with a 100% graduation and retention rate, and with 3 graduates, all of whom have gone on to graduate school on full scholarships. The students maintain stellar grades, and have a multitude of awards between them, including the Goldman Sachs leadership award, that goes to only 8 of over 300 applicants from top colleges and universities in the US. The Zawadi program has given over \$9 million in scholarships since its inception in 2006.

The Muljibhai Madhvani Foundation is a charitable trust that was set up in 1962 to honour the vision of the late Muljibhai Prabhudas Madhvani. The Madhvani Foundation's primary objective is to maintain and promote scientific and technical education among the people of Uganda. The scholarship programme is aimed at benefiting Ugandans pursuing either undergraduate or graduate studies at University level and has been in operation since the 2003/04 academic year. The Madhvani Foundation awards over Four Hundred Million Uganda Shillings to a selected batch of graduates for each year until graduation.

In keeping with Muljibhai Prabhudas Madhvani's foresight the Madhvani Foundation looks for graduates with vision; individuals who are able to perceive the path to Uganda's future and who not only want to travel the road but also actively participate in its development.

In the first year of the program in Uganda, Zawadi Africa will offer Five (5) scholarships as follows:

Two (2) Scholarships in Computer Science, ICT or Computer Engineering sponsored by Google to study in South Africa. The scholarships will cover all academic costs (tuition room and board) plus annual travel, and most living expenses. Applicants must have the following qualifications:

- a. must be a female Ugandan citizen, and a recent (past 2 years) graduate of a Ugandan high school
- b. must have a minimum of 21 points in A Levels, with minimum grade point of A-6 in Maths and Physics
- c. Interested in majoring in Computer science, ICT or Computer Engineering
- d. must show demonstrated leadership capability based on activities in high school or in the community (head girl, sports captain, community volunteer)
- e. demonstrated financial need

Application deadline for the Computer Science Scholarships is August 15th 2008

ii) **Three (3) General Scholarships to study in the United States of America.** The scholarships will cover annual travel, and tuition, room and board.

Applicants must have the following qualifications:

- a. must be a female Ugandan citizen, and a recent (past 2 years) graduate of a Ugandan high school
- b. must have 23 points or better in A levels.
- c. majors/area of study offered in a broad variety of areas except for Medicine or Law.
- d. must show demonstrated leadership capability based on activities in high school or in the community (head girl, sports captain, community volunteer)
- e. demonstrated financial need

Application deadline for the General Scholarships is September 1st 2008

To apply, please send a brief letter of introduction outlining your name, qualifications, desired area of study, and contact information. Please attach a copy of your a-level certificate. Please also attach a brief essay (1 page or less) stating why you believe you would be the best candidate for the scholarship that you are applying for and why you believe you would make the best use of the education you would receive if you win the scholarship.

Applications, specifying which category is being applied for, should be submitted to :

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