

## Personal Mission Statement

### **Personal**

I am glad to take this golden opportunity to send my Personal Mission Statement to Trident University International TUI for admission. My name is Jacob Aguer Ajang, Sudanese by nationality and citizen of the United States. I was born in Kongor, Sudan. I have lived here in Omaha, Nebraska for 10 years of my residency in the United States. I am one of the Sudanese 3,500 Lost Boys who have been resettled here in the United States.

I have been married to my beautiful wife Elizabeth Abuk Ajang for 7 years. We have three beautiful daughters namely: Athok, 5 years old; Ayak, 3 years old and Alek Jacob Aguer, 15 months old. I became a United States citizen in August of 2006. Through many immigration processes, my family was able to join me on December 25, 2008. This was a very happy moment in my life.

My parents were farmers and raised cattle. In 1987 when I was 5 years old I flew to Ethiopia because the war broke out in my home country Sudan. In 1991 I came to Kenya where I stayed for 10 years and came to the United States in June of 2001. After I landed on American soil, I thought my dreams were fulfilled.

I have received a Bachelor of Science in General Studies from Grace University here in Omaha, Nebraska in December of 2006. I chose to attend Grace University because it is a Christian University that teaches the Gospels, mission fulfillments, outreach, and building Christian link. Also, I have just graduated with a Master's degree in Human Services from Bellevue University in Bellevue, Nebraska in January of 2011. I decided to pursue a Masters of Art in Human Services because I like to help others build a relationship within the community.

I am presently employed with the Nebraska Medical Center as a Guest Services Associate with Nebraska House here in Omaha, Nebraska and have been employed here for 3 years. Nebraska House provides lodging for guests and patients. My duty is to help with lodging needs and provide guests and patients with support during their stay. I am also doing my Internship at the Lutheran Family Services, International Center of Heartland for the refugees. I enjoy working with the International Heartland Center because it is an organization that helps new comers and also those who are stranded and cannot find assistance or support themselves.

### **Intellectuality**

I am so excited to be part of this loving and exploring community. I am an advocate to help share and provide equal opportunities to elevate the needs of humanity. As a professional, I would always look forward to overcome fear, but more importantly hope for change that can bring a sharing of opportunities e.g. education, food, shelter and so many other basic human needs. I would always tolerate and understand people's circumstances in different points of view. I would not be in a position to generalize problems associated with an individual, but act appropriately to solve and find possible solutions for each problem.

My graduate studies in Human Services have given me essential skills to practice in our community and the knowledge to possess the resources available in the department of human services to help those who need them. It is my goal to have effective progress in most situations by gaining the highest professional standard requirements for development of the entire community. I must be committed to lifting up society by find truth and improving the community.

## **Professional Interest**

In my professional career, I would always have a commitment to analyzing issues in our community. I believe that through our careers paths, we encounter many situations when we could benefit from unbiased advice. We may be in the process of choosing a career, deciding whether or not we should change careers or jobs, re-entering the workforces, a job loss. I think we come to the realization that this an overwhelming process and we want and need some help. I would be positive to process active duties and skillful evaluations of the subject matter. It is my responsibility to get people moving to the real world of accomplishment. It is my responsibility to gain a systematic knowledge of understanding and appreciation of my own personal styles with others. My personal strength is to know how to meet the needs of individuals in society.

My ability is to process, rationalize and apply appropriate experiences when working with people of different ethnic backgrounds to solve problems. We must be committed to lifting up society by dedication to truth and upgrading the community. We need to say something positive and encourage our people to achieve their goals. We should verbally encourage them and help them overcome self-doubt and minimize stress.

## **Reason to Apply for PhD Program at TUI**

I decided to pursue a PhD in Higher Education Leadership at TUI because I like to help others build a relationship within the community. The Higher Education Leadership curriculum will help me improve my professional level in a variety of ways. This career path will increase my knowledge, skills and ability to demonstrate my personal responsibilities to understand the standard requirements to work in an Educational Leadership environment and be able to deliver an acceptable quality of care to the community.

I feel this career path is important because it will open doors to me learning and helping my people with their daily problems, concerns and development changes. My ideal professional goal is to prepare myself and be able to reach people inside the community and assess their needs. I will use my professional skills, knowledge and ability to educate and provide ongoing professional development by guiding and encouraging them to achieve their career goals and apply reflective inquiry to improve their career path.

This program will teach me the helpful qualities of leadership skills and the issues related to the role of leadership. After I completed this program I would know that a true leader is someone who is an optimist, a visionary, possesses passion, dignity and respects the opinions of others. I believe that the strength of leadership is basically taking the necessary steps toward a goal, which might mean taking a certain amount of calculated risk. I have also learned about unwritten rules such as don't hurt, don't steal and don't be dishonest.

My leadership style is to be encouraging and lead by example to help our fellow citizens. I think we need to have our eyes open to others, no matter what we are experiencing, but we have to take pains to never give up until you reach an end. It is my wish to be a champion in community service to improve the lives of individuals and families. If we plant perseverance, we will reap victory. I should also value the needs of others in the community before myself. I commit to understanding the needs of people from all backgrounds. I try to handle things with due regard for other person's feelings, thoughts, and wants.

## **Conclusion**

My career history and knowledge in this field will help put my potential to a greater use. I will take this knowledge to the community to help other shape their lives and potentially understand my faith in the Human Services. My PhD in Higher Education Leadership will help

me to be decisive and rationalize appropriate experiences when solving problems. I will assess these skills by helping people identify and receive legal resources available in the community to support their lives. I believe we must be committed to lift up the society by spending a lifetime dedicated to truth and upgrading the community including volunteers.

My motivation toward these skills is to serve others in our community. People will know that I have these skills by prioritizing their needs and taking the necessary steps to obtain them. People in our society are facing serious problems and they need professional skilled people to help them pursue their lives' expectations. I have a passion to provide a helping hand for individuals who cannot support themselves. My thoughts and plan as a parent or an educator is to have a peaceful mind that is willing, understanding, focusing and challenges any inappropriate behavior in our lives.