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## If I Could Invent Something New

I want to be a computer scientist like Mark Zuckerberg when I grow up. It's not easy though. My dad passed away when I was younger, and now my mom struggles to pay for school for me and my three older sisters. Sometimes I have to stay home because we can't afford the fees, but I keep learning on my own. I love coding and use a mobile app to learn Python.

If I could invent something new, it would be called the Davi-Connect App. A mobile application that would help students like me who have funding problems but still want to learn. It would find scholarships, crowdfunding and affordable microinsurance for students based on their money situation, how well they do in school and what they're interested in.

For example, if a student gets good grades but can't pay for school, the app would find scholarships for them from different organizations in Nigeria and other countries.

The app would also let family, friends and others donate a little bit of money to a student's education fund. This way, even if a student doesn't get a full scholarship, they can still get some help with school fees and other things they need.

If a student has to miss school because they can't pay, the app would have virtual lessons. There would be videos to watch, quizzes to do, and study materials for every subject. This means no student would fall behind in their studies, even if they can't go to school. You could also share your school stories and projects with others using the app, which would help show off your talents and maybe get more support.

Davi-Connect would also have mentors. These would be celebrities and role models like Tony Elumelu who would help to mentor students. They could help you choose your job and teach you things you need to know in life to succeed.

One day, I imagine a boy named Tunde using the Davi-Connect app. Tunde is very good at mathematics, but his family can't pay his school fees. He logs into Davi-Connect, fills out his profile, and sends his report cards. The app finds a scholarship from an

organization that helps students who are great at math. Tunde gets the scholarship and can go back to school. His uncle also sends a bit of money each month to help with other school things. Tunde keeps learning and even uses the app's videos to learn more.

The Davi-Connect App would be awesome. It would make sure students like me can keep going to school even if we don't have much money. It would give us chances for more school with scholarships, microinsurance and help from others, and we could learn online and get advice from mentors. It would make a community where everyone cares about each other's education.