

## **MORKPORKPOR TORNKO**

I am Morkporkpor Tornko, a third year Doctor of Pharmacy Student at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST).

My family faced financial difficulties in affording for my enrollment in the university and even when I did gain entry, I was confronted with and wondering how I could make it through considering the high financial requirements.

I got enrolled on the Educational Pathways International (EPI) scholarship program in 2013. I have since noted the significant support and contributions that EPI has made and is still making in my life and that of others.

EPI provides an annual sum of money enough to cover my tuition, books, pocket money and accommodation fees as a student. But EPI is unique and exceptional because it provides a sort of union and cohesion between students on the scholarship providing an avenue for interacting and learning from fellow beneficiaries, promoting social integration that even extends to the alumni. I see myself as a member of a family and loved by others.

EPI demonstrates that academic excellence is not only key in the personality development of an individual. Through the Program Coordinator, beneficiaries are taught topics such as time management, goal setting, preparing personal documents such as curriculum vitae (CV), among other ethics.

This is a non-profit organization that also checks up on me and in general its beneficiaries performances and achievements academically and in extracurricular or social events and participations, finds out reasons why you performed sub-standardly and most importantly gives you advice, hope and support to aspire you and to attain greater heights. Excursions, tours and field trips, annual luncheon and dinners are organized and have helped us learn, explore sceneries and ease off academic tension. Importantly the organization has instilled in me a habit of community involvement and offering voluntary service through her constant encouragement of community service and the senior high school teaching program.

My life and education has been easier to pursue with many positive impacts since I became an Educational Pathways International (EPI) beneficiary.

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