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*'He who has is he who gives'*- A Dangme proverb

All too soon, the end of my undergraduate degree program has come to its end. My greatest appreciation goes to Educational Pathways International (EPI). The journey has been a long one but I want to appreciate Educational Pathways International (EPI) for making it possible in the first place. My name is Vera Aklerh Akplehey, I studied Political Science and Information Studies at the University of Ghana.

My admission to this prestigious school was a great joy to my family and community as a whole. However, our joy was cut short by the financial implications to further my education. Getting a full scholarship from Educational Pathways International (EPI) scholarship programme was a great relief to my family and I. I had the peace of mind to focus on my education.

Joining EPI has not only improved my public speaking skills, creativity and innovation through various meetings and workshops organized by the Program Director but also provided me with the opportunity to experience diverse organizational culture through internships. Also, through this scholarship programme, I was able to volunteer with the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) as a student assistant. This opportunity also provided to my advantage contact with foreign students from all around the world. I assisted these new friends I had made to have a comfortable yet worthwhile experience in my country.

These interactions also built my network around the world as well as strengthening my human relations skills in the sense that, through my relations with people of different background, exposure and different understanding of life, I came to understand that people are different and need to be treated accordingly.

I have made a new big and warm family with other EPI beneficiaries who have been of great support to me at all times. With the help of this great Organization (EPI), I

can now aspire greater heights in terms of furthering my education in International Relations where I hope to gain enough understanding and experience to aid in the development of my country, Ghana, to help reduce poverty and the level of illiteracy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Educational Pathways International for the great help, love and benevolence shown to me. My deepest appreciation and love to you all.