

EDMOND MARFO



My name is Edmond Marfo. I am a recent BSc. Medical Laboratory Science graduate of the University of Ghana. I have nursed a love for health biology when growing up and so it was a little wonder that I naturally settled on Medical Laboratory Science during applications. My joy however was cut short after it became clear that my mother's meagre income could not see me through the four years university education. Fortunately, I became a beneficiary of Educational Pathways International (EPI) scholarship scheme in my second year. It was an opportunity I have never taken lightly especially when considering my financial situation and the level of financial comfort this scheme has afforded me.

EPI Scholarship programme has motivated me in so many ways and prime among them is my heightened sensitivity towards the less privileged in the society. As a beneficiary, I have seen at firsthand, how the generosity of others can go a long way to alleviate the burdens of others and increase their capacity to strive for the best in their lives. In my three years of being on the programme, I have come to see the need why I must not relent to achieve the best for myself and why at every point in time I must help others.

In the coming years, I hope to pursue postgraduate studies in molecular biology. I hope to use my life story to encourage underprivileged young ones out there on why and how they can also make their seemingly far-fetched lifelong dreams a reality.

Secondly, I have come to appreciate the family bond that was among fellow beneficiaries of EPI through the able guidance of Aunty Eunice. I have been exposed to what love can be like even within groups that share no blood relations. I have been deeply challenged these past years to forego the prejudices I held against some group of people and why there is always the need to assess people only through their humanity and not through their socio-cultural affiliations. I can confidently say I know better than I used to.

Lastly, after the scholarship award, I sensed that the expectation of me to excel through my academics was greater on me than before. However, with determination I became successful in all my academic endeavours. This experience has revealed how much perseverance is the secret underpinning the story of most successful persons. In my own words, I have managed to win some of the things I set out to do. These little wins have built some level of confidence within me and I seek to balance this confidence level very well so that it doesn't tilt towards complacency.

In all, I offer my heartfelt appreciation to Educational Pathways International (EPI) scholarship program for their unwavering financial support and care towards my academic journey. It is to them that I owe all that I have been able to achieve.