

## GABRIEL APPIAH



I am Gabriel Appiah, and I read BSc. Administration, majoring in Accounting from the University of Ghana. I completed my undergraduate studies in October 2021. I was a beneficiary of the Educational Pathways International (EPI) scholarship for my full four years undergraduate studies from 2017 to 2021.

From the very first day I applied for the scholarship, I have been a blessing through the numerous essay drills and interviews required in the application process, the luncheons, the monthly semester family meetings, the fascinating and life improving topics treated during the family meetings, and the amazing people I met through the scholarship scheme, not forgetting the financial relief I received, which lessened my

family's financial burden and eased my worries, making me pursue my degree with less stress. I could afford my academic fees, residential fees, books, and board, and living and other expenses because EPI paid for my fees and gave me stipend throughout my years of being a beneficiary of the scholarship.

The requirements of the scholarship award scheme are designed such that, the scholarship does not only supply financial support, but also it helps groom its beneficiaries. The high academic requirement of 3.00 GPA per semester served as a challenge and motivation that helped me keep my academic performance above the first class standing of 3.60 on a 4.0 scale.

The end of year internship requirement of the scholarship has also helped me build work experience and network, as I was able to take two internships during my study.

I interned with a rural community bank in my community on two consecutive occasions, which exposed me to the banking environment and the practicality of accounting in the banking sector. It also provided me the opportunity to give back to my community through volunteerism in teaching. During the volunteerism I was able to add value to the lives of my students by enabling them to get practical experience of the abstract ICT subject they were studying, and this was done by the aid of the personal laptop I could afford because of the stipend from the scholarship.

Looking forward, I am keenly concerned with contributing to the development of my community and Ghana, first, by committedly working faithfully during national service, becoming a certified accountant, becoming safety, sustainability, and impact accountant, and becoming a business and social entrepreneur, with the social entrepreneurship focusing on building a non-profit organization which will help bridge the education, employment, skills, wealth, and moral gaps. I also seek to return to academia and transfer the knowledge unto younger generations to help perpetuate the spirit of communism.

I appreciate the work of the entire Educational Pathways International team who work relentlessly to supply financial and educational support to people of weak financial backgrounds to have a sound and privileged tertiary education. Educational Pathways International is indeed the best non-profit organization in the world!