



## **I. Personal Information**

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1. Your name as it appears in official documents:

2. Family name/surname:

3. Other Name(s):

4. Date of birth (*day/month/year*):

5. Gender:  female  male

6. Nationality:

7. Home Address:

Full street address:

Area/Locality:

District:

Region:

Contact Address (If Different than Home Address:

Telephone:

Email address:

8. Native language(s):

## **FAMILY INFORMATION**

9. Father's Name:

Father's Occupation:

Address of Father

Telephone

**10. Mother's Name:**

**Mother's Occupation:**

**Address of Mother**

**Telephone**

**11. Number of Siblings**

**12. Name of Guardian**

**What is your relationship to this guardian?**

**Guardian's Occupation**

**Guardian's current address**

**Guardian's phone number**

## **II. Education and Activities**

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**13. Name of Senior High School:**

**Location and region of Senior High school**

**Contact Address of High School**

**Telephone Number**

**14. List any awards you have received:**

**15. List any volunteer or extra-curricular activities in which you have participated in the past four years:**

### III. Essays

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- The EPI Scholarship is designed for students who are gifted and from families of great financial need. Please describe why you feel you qualify for this scholarship.
- Describe your academic and career goals. What drew you to this field of study?
- How will your University education enable you to contribute to the growth of Ghana?

Applications must also include:

- High School Transcripts (Terminal Reports) and University Transcripts (for second year students)
- West African Senior School Certificate Exam Results (WASSCE)
- University Acceptance Letter and Letter of Admission
- Records regarding achievement tests, academic awards, honors, and substantive assessments by teachers, including letters of recommendation.

### IV. Applicant Agreement

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*Please sign and submit this page with your application*

*I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of my statements made in this application and to the EPI staff are true and made in good faith.*

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*Signature*

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*Date*

*As a scholarship recipient, you will receive full support for your tuition, lodging, books and incidentals during your tertiary education. This is conditional on the following:*

- That you are not currently receiving support through any other scholarship program and pledge not accept any other scholarship while in the EPI program.

- That you maintain satisfactory academic progress with a minimum B average throughout your university program
- That, during non-school periods, you work in a company sponsored internship program or do community service within Ghana. This includes mentorship and guidance regarding the importance of education to the youth in your home community.
- That you keep EPI informed of your contact information and academic progress and to prepare required reports as may be requested
- That upon graduation, you work for a minimum of two years in Ghana
- That in the course of time, when and if possible, you consider contributing to EPI to help other needy students obtain their university education
- That you allow your name to be published in association with this program and any related sponsors
- That you will consider joining the EPI Alumni Association after graduation

*I agree that if I am awarded and accept sponsorship from Educational Pathways International, I will adhere to the terms and conditions of this scholarship. I understand that if I fail to comply with any of these requirements or if I am dishonest with any portion of this application form, my sponsorship may be withdrawn and my payments terminated. I also agree, upon graduation, that I will incur the two-year service requirement.*

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*Signature*

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*Date*

*Please note that all information provided in this application will be cross-checked with your university personal file. Any discrepancies will result in being removed from consideration for an EPI scholarship.*

**Parent/Guardian Undertaking**

*I hereby agree that if my child/ward is awarded sponsorship from Educational Pathways International, I will ensure that he/she adheres to the terms and conditions of this scholarship. I understand that if there is any dishonesty with any portion of this application form, the sponsorship may be withdrawn and payments terminated.*

*I also agree that if my child/ward opts out of the sponsorship program, I will refund the full sponsorship money for that particular academic year. Upon graduation I will also ensure that my child/ward incurs the two-year service requirement.*

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email(if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Selection Criteria:**

The following selection criteria are used when considering candidates for the *Educational Pathways International Program*:

- Academic achievement and intelligence (including grades and achievement tests, academic awards and honors, substantive assessments by teachers, including letters of recommendation, as well as possession of a high number of characteristics outlined in the *Educational Pathways International Gifted Children* definition).
- Unmet financial need (limited family income and/or insufficient funds to cover most or all educational-related expenses)
- The will to succeed (determination, perseverance, and success in other pursuits)
- Enrollment at an EPI partner university with freshman or sophomore status.

## **What is a Gifted Child?**

The gifted child is defined as one with exceptional promise, application, deportment, and character that exhibits high intellectual capacity, curiosity, academic aptitude, and creative ability. Some general characteristics include:

- Shows superior reasoning powers and marked ability to handle ideas; can generalize readily from specific facts and can see subtle relationships; has outstanding problem-solving ability.
- Shows persistent intellectual curiosity; asks searching questions; shows exceptional interest in the nature of man and the universe.
- Has a wide range of interests, often of an intellectual kind; develops one or more interests to a considerable depth.
- Is markedly superior in quality and quantity of written and/or spoken vocabulary; is interested in the subtleties of words and their uses.
- Reads and absorbs books well beyond his or her years.
- Learns quickly and easily and retains what is learned; recalls important details, concepts and principles.
- Shows insight into arithmetical problems that require careful reasoning and is able grasps mathematical concepts readily.
- Shows creative or imaginative ability
- Sustains concentration for lengthy periods and shows outstanding responsibility and independence in classroom work.
- Sets realistically high standards for self; is self-critical in evaluating and correcting his or her own efforts.
- Shows initiative and originality in intellectual work; shows flexibility in thinking and considers problems from a number of viewpoints.
- Observes keenly and is responsive to new ideas.
- Shows social poise and an ability to communicate with adults in a mature way.
- Gets excitement and pleasure from intellectual challenge; shows an alert and subtle sense of humor