

## KELLY CARL ABAKAH BLANKSON



The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity. Being privileged to be a beneficiary of Educational Pathways International (EPI), has given me tremendous boost to achieve my academic goals. My name is Kelly Carl Abakah Blankson, a BSc. Geological Engineering graduate from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi in the Ashanti region of Ghana. The Educational Pathways International scholarship has been amazingly essential and has given me the opportunity to pursue my tertiary education effortlessly without any financial constraint.

The scholarship enabled me to focus more on my studies and not to worry about financial burden because it was a comprehensive scholarship. Additionally, the scholarship program also provided me with a sense of belonging to a wonderful family where we are all motivated to strive harder for excellence.

Though, I have interests in several disciplines of Geological Engineering such as mining, Geotech, hydrogeology and geophysics, I seem to have developed more interest in mining and hydrogeology and I intend to further my education in that aspect.

The illegal mining in Ghana has been a canker and a major cause of pollution of the numerous water bodies in Ghana and this as a result poses detrimental effects on vegetation, aquatic and human lives. Owing to this, I intend to help in combating the water pollution problem in the mining community where I reside and Ghana as a whole and this motivates me to work harder.

Furthermore, through meetings with our Program Director, Madam Eunice, I learned personal and job skills such as good communication skills and leadership skills, amongst others which I know would set me apart from my colleagues at the workplace. I cannot express how grateful I am for this opportunity, as it has not only supported me financially, but also motivated me to pursue excellence in my studies and also shaped me to be a better person. With the help of this scholarship, I was able to dedicate more time to my studies, research, and academic projects, and I feel more confident about my future prospects.

In conclusion, I want to say that Educational Pathways International has been of a tremendous help to me, and I hope that other students would be privileged to be a beneficiary of this amazing scholarship program to aid them in their academic pursuits. I am grateful for this incredible opportunity.