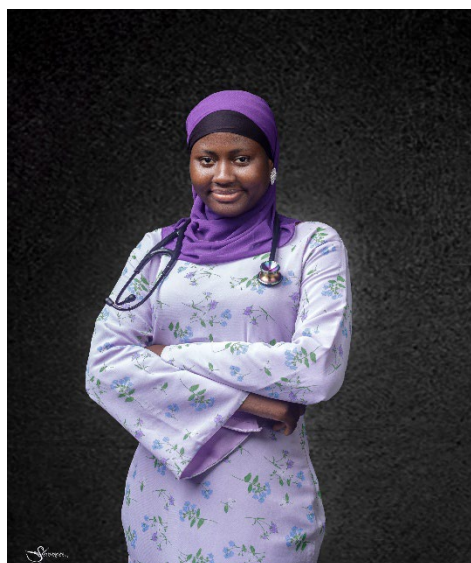


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My name is Rayina Barkumu Yakubu, a graduate of the University for Development Studies, Ghana where I offered Medicine.

I became a scholar of Educational Pathways International scholarship programme in 2018 and it has been a life changing experience that has had a profound impact on my academic and personal growth.

Attaining the scholarship was a transformative experience that shaped my journey in the medical school. Through the Educational Pathways International, I gained a renewed sense of motivation to pursue my dreams. The scholarship fund alleviated

the financial burdens associated with medical school which enabled me to devote more time and energy to my studies. Also, various doors have been opened to me to learn things that go beyond just the medical school. I was privileged to attend a number of seminars organized by the EPI to learn about soft skills that are crucial in life and the likes. These seminars not only helped my academic and personal life but equipped with skills I would need in the professional setting. In addition, an avenue to interact with other EPI scholars not only from my institution but across the country has been created. This has helped to expand my networking pool and helped to foster important links for academic, personal and even future business purposes.

I choose Medicine as a career path because of my deeply rooted desire to make meaningful difference in the lives of others. From a young age, I have wanted to have an impact on the lives of individuals and the society at large. Medicine offers a distinct opportunity for me, provide people with both preventive and diagnostic services. Through medicine I can help to educate more individuals in the country on the importance of developing health-conscious behaviors and practices through effective counselling and guidance. I would also be able to provide appropriate diagnostic services to help combat various diseases. This would go a long way to improve upon the productivity and boost the livelihood of members of society as they would be of sound mind and health.

There are a wide range of specialties in the medical field but the one that interests me most is Pediatric Medicine. The future of every great nation lies in its youth and I would be love to be a part of the quest to make Ghana a great country. The idea of working with children, guiding them through their growth and development and advocating for their health greatly interest me. Being a pediatrician would mean being a champion for children's health and well-being, and I would do everything with my capability to make a lasting impact in the field.

Quality healthcare is the basic right of every individual of the country. As a medical doctor, I would do my very best in ensuring that I provide people with best of health care services. I

aim to work in sub urban and the rural communities of Ghana to help bridge the gap in health care provision. I also aim to be a very dedicated alumni of the Educational Pathways International and support the organization in any form or means necessary so as to continue its amazing and transformative work across the country.