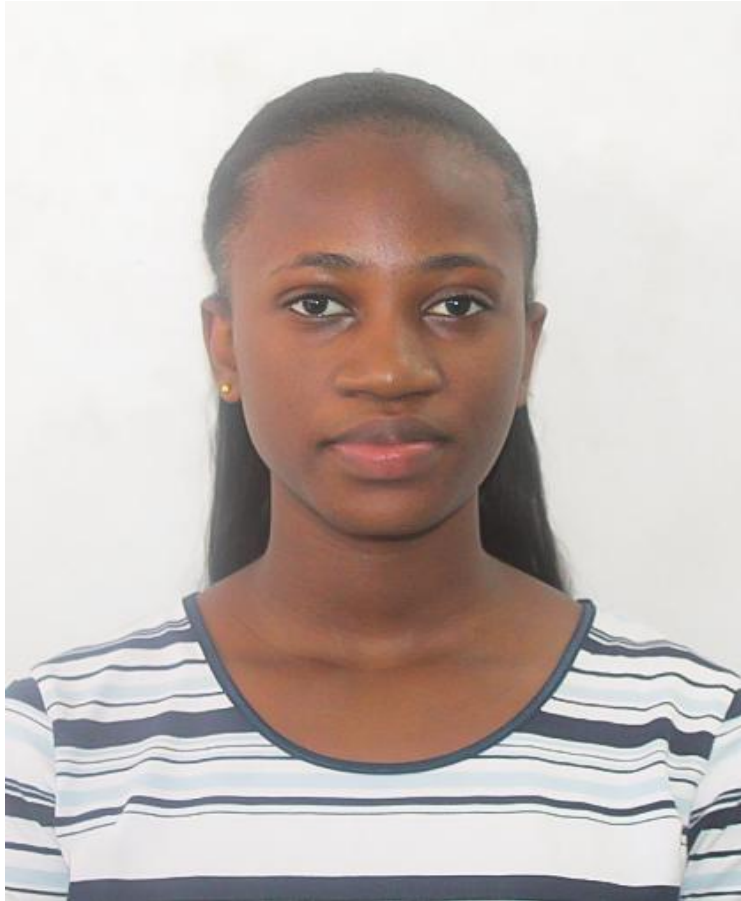


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A famous writer once said, 'dare to dream big dreams for those dreams are the dreams that have the power to push your whole world forward'. This is the story of a young 15-year-old girl who sat in the General Arts class of Aburi Girls' Senior High School and dared to dream. My name is Miriam Chigabagyea Avogo, a 2025 graduate of the University of Ghana (Legon) with a Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB).

The journey of my pursuit The journey of my pursuit of legal education begun in the year 2021 when I was admitted to University of Ghana to study Law. To me, this was a dream come true as it marked the beginning of an era that

would launch me into a career I had always admired. The joy I felt on receiving the news of my admission knew no bounds but was however short lived as the thought of the financial burden this pursuit will bring to my family weighed heavily on me.

I am the second of three (3) children born to my parents. A few years prior to my university education, my family lost our father who was the major breadwinner of the family at the time. What this meant was that the family that initially depended on the income of two people now had to find a way to live on that of a public servant mother. This was particularly challenging as aside my educational needs there were two others that needed to be funded.

Despite this major hurdle, I refused to give up on my dream and was determined to explore my options of obtaining funding elsewhere in order to ease this financial burden. Today, thanks to Educational Pathways International (EPI) I can confidently say what started as the hope of little Miriam to ease her family's financial burden, became a reality. This is why for

me, being an Educational Pathways International beneficiary had not only been a financial pathway but most importantly it had propelled a major shift of mindset in me. It brought the realization that it does not matter how vague my dreams and hopes may be, the most important attribute is to never giving up on chasing what I want. By virtue of the 'audacity' EPI gave me to dream big, today, I have the big dream of becoming an expert in International Taxation and to someday use my expertise to help shape not only Ghana but the international tax regime.

I will like to express my profound gratitude to the entire body of the Educational Pathways International for believing in me and empowering me to continue chasing my dreams. I am very convinced that with the strong foundation they have helped me build, I will in the near future give back to my community and empower other young girls who like me, are determined to achieve their dreams because indeed as the famous writer said, "our big dreams are the dreams that have the power to push our whole world forward".