

WHY I DESERVE THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Mohammed Sa-eed Tiyumtaba is my name. A young Dagomba boy from the family of Maham`bogu. I was born and raised in Tamale and I'm in a family of 5, mom and dad, senior brother, senior sister and me the last born. My family happens to be captured under one of the unfortunates in terms of wealth. This has caused the family in various ways and a typical one I've heard my parents spoke about is that of my elder sister, the second born of the family who happens to have dropped out to marry because the family wasn't able to take care of her education alongside me after my elder brother has dropped out to become a carpenter after Junior High School. This has been the genesis of our family's vulnerability and I happens to be a victim of such after I graduated from senior high school and couldn't further to the tertiary since last year. I had to follow up my senior brother to learn some carpentering and be able to support myself. There was nothing I could do and I've been feeling like my whole dreams to becoming an engineer would shut down because regardless of how excellent my performance has been in my final year exam and with such great grades I will still be asked to wait and I describe this act of the family as "Join the queue" because that's what all of my two siblings go through, I don't even know how long I will have to wait.

My parents try their best to support the family and was able to secure my education to the senior high school level. My dad is an Arabic instructor who retired since the year 2017 and couldn't even reach out to the full amount of his pension fee while my mum is a trader who sells groundnut and other items at the market and this as it is described the petty trading has no way to support a whole large family talk less of taking care of our educational finances. Things been pretty hard.

I'm not a bad student, I try to do my best in my education and try to be the best of a student I can be. I offered General Science program at the senior high school level and I had an aggregate 12, I should be rejoicing over this but last year has been the darkest times of my life as I call it because it was the year I turned out to feel bad and heartbroken when the family decision came out that I wouldn't be able to further my education, I feel down but the other side I need to accept the reality and deal with the situation.

I want to say that I am ready to take every chance that will enable me be able to further my education, I am humble and will try my possible best to prove myself and go out there to live my dream, do well academically and try to make my family and the whole community proud, try to learn hard in order to fix problems and try to improve upon the infrastructure of my community and the country as large.

Thank you