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Vicentia Amoako's Story

"Circumstances are not the determinant of fate or destiny. As a young lady from a family of six, it has always been my dream to become nothing short of excellent: changing the lives of people around me, advancing social change, and becoming a woman other women can look up to. Being the last born of a pensioner father and an unemployed mother who is unwell, my needs are always least prioritized as it is always assumed that I should be the one to "wait" has been the order in my family. Nevertheless, I have never lost hope nor vision of a bright tomorrow that can only be achieved through education and excellent academic endeavor.

My admission to study Natural Resources Management at the University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani unlike many of my peers were met with joy as I was the first generation in my family to have a tertiary education and on the path to becoming the environmentalist I have always dreamed and hoped to be: the next Alexandria Villasenor or Greta Thumberg a chance to contribute my quota in protecting the natural environment. But circumstances! Circumstances challenge those dreams. I am worried always about when my fees will be paid, one thing that contributes to haunts me every day.

Presently, I am in my second year in school, I form part of the Eco Club Youth mappers on campus. It is a club keen on environmental protection through advocacy and community engagements. I have been privileged to educate residents of Fiapre, Domasua and Odomase townships in the Bono region on the need for environmental protection and suggested solutions to some of their pertinent environmental problems. I am committed and dedicated because I am passionate and that is why I will excel. I cannot let the circumstances of finance be a hindrance to my success. An aid would go a long way to achieve this young lady's dream and as the saying goes | "...if you educate a woman, you educate a whole nation."

I look forward to furthering my education after my undergraduate studies to better develop and equip myself for my career and positively impact society. This scholarship will greatly impact my education and life as an individual. I would be forever grateful to the JEQ Foundation when given this scholarship".

The good news is, JEQ Foundation offered Vicentia tuition and housing scholarships throughout her bachelor's program at UENR.

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