

Linda Aterek 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, Mechanical Engineering University of Development Studies (UDS)

## Linda Aterek's story in her own words:

It is amazing news for me to get to know about the scholarship opportunity for the needy but brilliant students offered by the JEQ foundation. As a student of the University for Development Studies, pursuing a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, I deemed it as a great privilege for me to write in my keen interest to seek support from the JEQ foundation for the successful completion of an associate degree in engineering.

Financially I am not equipped enough to be able to achieve my career goals. A single mother of five children whose monthly income cannot afford all our needs both academically and socially, things have not been easy for us since my father passed on at this very point in the time when we all needed him the most. The poor woman is left with no other option than to struggle through every nook and cranny of this life just to ensure that all her needs are met especially when it has to do with her academics. These amongst others are the very reason I am applying for this scholarship order to decrease my mothers' burden, make my dream as a mechanical engineer a reality, and most importantly to help my goals.

My educational aspirations consist of a bachelor's degree in engineering that could assist me in nurturing my way to becoming a mechanical engineer. My career goal is to one day, with programming software I will learn to provide adequate yet affordable machinery and appliances to reduce the high rate of heat and facilitate the growth and development of the Ghanaian community.

Also, to enable me to provide consultancy services to the industry on the latest technologies, to encourage the faculty and the department to engage in research programmes, so it can become multidisciplinary and coordinate effectively with other disciplines to emerge as the center of excellence. I have been sobered by the pain that my mothers' shining example of struggle ironically guides me as a moral, ethical person. Rather than searching for any fault within my family and myself, I use it as an earnest challenge and honest stance in this life. I just want to get this brilliant scholarship to make a great impact in my life, on my mother's struggle, and to be a better person to serve my society one day.

I am grateful to find opportunities like the one your foundation is providing to students like me who are constantly fighting for their rights to receive an education. I remain persistent and I will keep working hard until I reach my career goals. I am very hopeful to become one of your scholarship recipients so I can continue my pathway to becoming a mechanical engineer".

JEQ Foundation was touched by Linda's story and offered Linda, tuition, and housing scholarships, and we will continue to support her as she completes her undergraduate Mechanical Engineering program in Ghana.

Support us today to impact more needy college students in Ghana, West Africa.