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I am Emelia Wokey, a Master's student in Rural Development at Brandon University. I hail from Accra, Ghana, with a strong passion for assessing development initiatives, particularly in education, in rural communities. Growing up in a community where access to quality education was limited, I witnessed firsthand how resources, policies, and programs shape the lives of children and families. This early exposure inspired my commitment to understanding and improving educational outcomes, which motivated me to pursue this scholarship and deepen my capacity to contribute to sustainable development.

My academic journey began with an undergraduate degree in Geography and Rural Development from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), where I also minored in Sociology. During my studies, I gained hands-on experience as a field enumerator for NGOs focused on educational development. This early exposure sparked my interest in data-driven evaluation, community engagement, and applying research to real-world challenges. Following graduation, I served as a teaching assistant in the Department of Geography during my national service, further developing my research, analytical, and communication skills. I currently work as a Team Lead at BRI360, overseeing projects that assess educational initiatives in rural communities. In addition, I have collaborated with respected institutions such as the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) at the University of Ghana and Research Trust Limited, conducting evaluations for the Education Research Trust, the Ghana Education Service, and the World Bank. These experiences have strengthened my abilities in data management, stakeholder engagement, and translating research findings into actionable insights for policy and program improvement.

I am an avid reader, explorer, and traveler. I enjoy discovering new places and learning from diverse cultures, which inspires me to connect my research with real-world experiences and approach challenges creatively and thoughtfully. Confident, skilled, and deeply committed to making an impact, I believe that rigorous, community-informed research can transform educational outcomes and contribute to sustainable development in rural areas. I am eager to leverage my knowledge, experience, and curiosity to support initiatives that empower communities and improve lives, and this scholarship represents an essential opportunity to further this mission.

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