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I am an optimistic girl who dreams big about my future. I have principles in life that lead me to persevere amidst the difficulties I have gone through and going through. I got intelligence and character which I know are rooted in my family and experiences. I am putting a lot of responsibilities and effort towards studies cause I know this would lead me to a brighter path I and my family have long awaited. I am a science hook type of student that is why I would love to become a medical technologist someday but if a greater opportunity comes then maybe I can be something more than that. I'm into dancing, singing, reading books and sketching. I'm also interested in acquiring new knowledge and learning advanced skills which I think could sharpen my personality.

I am born in a poor yet happy family that consists of 5 members including I. Life in rural areas is simple but takes a lot of endurance and effort to live most especially when poverty is the tough opponent. My father earns a living by the use of our small farm and by selling charcoal out from burning old trees. He also does some labors like carpentry or fishing when things don't work out. Though my father may seem so dedicated to these works, he actually has vices which he dedicates more of his time. He's badly addicted to alcoholic drinks and cigarettes which then leads to a conflict with my mother and chaos to the whole family. My mother on the other hand earns a living by selling handmade foods in the school canteen.

The capital she uses in selling would depend mainly on how much she earns in a day and the availability of raw foods in the farm of which her food products are made. My brother and sister on the other hand are striving in their college, this is difficult for both of my of parents knowing that they are both in college now. That is why we get to have more debts now than before but am also grateful for some small support from my relatives. But no matter where life takes us I know that we get to enjoy life out of poverty someday.

Living in the Sisters of Mary was like living in a dream. All you have to think of is your studies and the rest is taken care by God and by His instruments whose generosity and kindness overflows to the poorest of the poor. I am so grateful during my stay in the Sisters of Mary, I got to learn a lot of things and acquired essential skills. I have been a consistent honor student and have become an active member of a lot of clubs. I have become a science student teacher, fan dancer, lector, sports news broadcaster, journalist, and been a member of some academic clubs. I have encountered challenges such as homesickness, boredom and maintaining my focus towards what is my purpose of studying there due to routines and environment of which we used to do everyday. However, I have managed to root back to my main goals in life and give my best in everything I do. I have ameliorated a lot of my character and skills in the sisters of Mary that I am very grateful for.

Currently I am having my on the job training as a quality control inspector at the Meraki-Tech Precision Corporation and this experience actually teaches me a lot of things which are essential towards my preparation before college and in achieving my career. Life as of now is quite challenging, it tests my learnings, budgeting skills and discipline towards myself. Adjusting to a new environment with diverse backgrounds and values from you is completely a challenge but I take it as an advantage also for it is from this experience that I have come out of my comfort zones and broaden my perspective towards life. I have learned new skills and ideas while having my ojt. I have shifted my focus and responsibilities in investing more on myself for my future. I am dedicating my time searching for state universities and looking for scholarships that would lead to the same path that I know God would love to lead me.