

Introductory Statement - Hawanatu Jabbie

My parents were never given a shot at having an education. They were never given a shot to show their full potential and make a difference in the world. Being young and seeing my parents struggle was hard for me. It's challenging to see the people you love go through hard times and you can not do anything about it. Referencing the pandemic and the continuous fluctuations in the economy of my country, things got to a point that our family savings were depleted. I'm from a family of 6 and I am the first born.

I have been challenged with many financial struggles, especially in recent years as a State Enrolled Community Health Nurse attached to Masanga Hospital as a Volunteer. I pay the bills for myself, my parents, and the fees of my two siblings. They are in school now and I am responsible as sadly my Father suffered a stroke 8 years ago and remains in poor health. All of these issues have made affording college extremely tricky even with years of savings.

I therefore need the I-step up Foundation to afford my career goals. I have a passion for Nursing; I love working in nursing, it gives me joy and happiness to see that I can help the sick. I especially love being around the hospital and the best is to see the patients peacefully discharged. I have great pity for the patients we could not help. Being a nurse gives me the best opportunity to help these patients and my country as a whole.