



Personal Statement

Hello!

My name is Zemam Admasu Ayele. I am Ethiopian, but I was born on 30th, July 2002 and raised in Sudan. I am 20 years old. I live with my mother and older sister. My father passed away when I was still a child, so I had to work to be able to continue my studies since I had a small family. I have finished my elementary school, while my high school educational years were thankfully funded by IOM organization.

After finishing high school in 2020, I couldn't find a supportive side to continue my studies. I was utterly hopeful when I stumbled on the IGAD scholarship opportunity when I applied. When I searched about IGAD organization, I was quiet impressed by the enormous platform it reflected and started to give opportunities for many students. I didn't expect to be accepted and doubted that I had less chances then, but it was a big surprise for me when I received the admission paper and was even more excited and happy.

The scholarship gave me the chance to study the field I've always wanted and dreamt of and gave me more ambitions to achieve my plans for the future, especially with studying Human safety and disaster (organization) and put maximum effort in excelling in the field to be efficient enough to work in such platforms, as IGAD organization, that help students continue or complete their education years.

I've always had it in me to be a part of organizations that helped people in general because I was familiar with the feeling of needing help and not finding it. It is quite relieving for me for the existence of sides that provided help in all forms. So I am really grateful and thankful for IGAD organization for deciding to participate in the education field to help the youth in completing their studies and giving them the chance to be employed in jobs they admired instead of jobs they are obliged to.

So once again, I want to express my gratefulness to IGAD scholarship program and say thank you. You have helped me get one step closer to my future success and I assure you I will do my best to make you proud.
