

EJ Boakye's testimonial  
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Good evening Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guest, and friends.

My name is Eugene Boakye Jr. My family and friends call me EJ. I am 11 years old and in 7th grade. I am the oldest of 4 children of my parents, Konji and Eugene Boakye Sr. My mother heard about the Children Scholarship Fund from my aunt who had a friend that was being helped by Children Scholarship Fund while homeschooling. I have been with Children Scholarship Fund for 4 years.

I currently attend Charlotte Latin School. This is my first year here. I am enjoying all of my classes, the class sizes run from 11 to 20 depending on the subject. My favorite subject would be science. It is so hard to choose because the teachers make all the subjects so fun and interesting. I remember coming home with excitement telling my mom all about Mr Hutchins History class. I love his teaching methods, he makes us think and pushes our minds to think outside the box and get creative answers. He Promotes group discussions to help us process the information. Mr. Fullwoods Advanced Pre-Algebra class keeps me challenged but also keeps my production of endorphins high through laughter. To sum it up his jokes are priceless. He makes it fun to learn about absolute value. Mrs Mcquaid's intro to Latin class also encourages class discussion and she expresses her deep passion for the subject which has helped me in all my other subjects. Mr Bergers speech and debate class is cultivating the next president in me as you can see. I can go on and on about all of my teachers and the staff. They have all been so critical to my transition and the great learning experience I have received so far and the top of the line academics. My advisor Mr. Morrow is also my science teacher, he understands my love for knowledge and science. He is always there to point me in the right direction or to the right class because I got lost the 1st day or two. I love science because I always wanted to make new things and invent new chemicals. The Field trip to Seabrook South Carolina was instructed by Mr. Morrow. I got to experience science hands on. Here are a few things I learned there. I learned the order of fins on fishes, got the closest I ever was to a dolphin, held a snake, and my favorite part of this was that I held a dead jellyfish. Here is a little fact about them. Jelly fish can sting you but they can't sting the palm of your hand and feet because they can only sting you on parts that have hair/fiber. They can even shock you when they are dead. I always wondered from then on what chemical reaction with fiber caused the electric shocks? I would one day love to be chemist or an Engineer. I find chemistry intriguing and the basis of everything we see and don't see.

I am so glad that all my teachers are willing and able to give one on one time if needed for extra help. That is comforting to know that help is there whenever needed. The teachers and faculty are not the only helpers. The entire student body are nice and helpful. The characters of my fellow classmates are encouraging and pleasing. The environment is friendly, safe, and peaceful. that makes learning even more enjoyable. I can leave my valuables in my bag open and know it will be safe. I am at home and have wonderful Latin sisters and brothers to learn with. Latin keeps my mind going in all areas. We have clubs every Tuesday. I am on the tennis club, Quiz bowl, and recently joined the UN Model conference. I recently tried out for basketball unfortunately I did not make the cut but was able to join the swim team. The coaches are

phenomenal they kept me from drinking too many gallons of water. I must admit I was quite afraid which doesn't happen much. My prior swimming knowledge had not prepared me for my new swimming experience. My swim coaches guided me and wow! no more gallons of water to drink for me. I am looking forward to all the many more adventures waiting for me to explore at Latin.

I would have never had this opportunity living on the other side of town, my parents never even heard of the school. Thanks to God for this wonderful lady that came into my life Mrs. McIntosh my 5th grade teacher at Brookstone Schools. She saw my potential 1st hand and Introduced me to Latin. She even provided transportation. The Head of School Mr McIntosh has done a marvelous job creating an atmosphere of leadership, independence, and wholeness with Honor above all. The Children Scholarship fund has provided more than an open door of opportunity by making it easier financially on my family. You have change the trajectory of my future. I would not be here had it not been for C.S.F financial contribution. C.S.F has inspire hope in me and given me a lifetime opportunity. I can see myself at Princeton Ivey league College in the near future.

Children Scholarship Fund-Charlotte, I cannot pay you back for all the contribution and investment you've made in my education experience. However, I can make you a promise that I will work hard, give my best, aim high, and pursue excellence. I will serve my community just as you have served me. Thank you.

It was Winston Churchill who said "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Thank you for giving.