

# OUR VOICES, OUR STORIES



Transforming Lives & Communities



Name: Eric Johnson

Age: 19

Occupation: College Student

Housing Program: Public Housing

Short Term Goal: Graduate from college

Long Term Goal: Own a business

Graduating valedictorian of my high school class is my biggest accomplishment to date. I had to make many sacrifices including staying home to study rather than spending time with my friends to do well in school. I spent a lot of time in the computer lab at my property using the free internet access to complete my class assignments. My hard work paid off with a full scholarship to Howard University. I look forward to my college years and what life has waiting for me. Looking back, I know that growing up in public housing was the driving force that kept me focused and made me strive to succeed. In my senior year of high school, I was voted class president. This gave me the opportunity to develop my leadership skills. Being class president taught me that a good leader is not selfish but someone who keeps his word, cares about others and is able to work with everyone. I plan on developing my leadership skills at Howard University. The lessons that I learned at school and from my dad will stay with me.