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### Opportunities

Being privileged simply means having access to something that isn't attainable for others. Just as Roxanne Gay states, I believe everyone has one privilege or another that distinguishes them from other people.

I see myself as someone who has been privileged in many ways. First of all, I'm from Nigeria, a country with a considerably lower economy and lower quality of college education than the United States. Coming to the US to study is considered a big privilege because the cost of higher education is quite exorbitant and only a few Nigerian working-class parents can afford to pay for their children's education. When I reflected on this, I realized I am privileged to have parents who are willing to sponsor my college education since majority of college students have to deal with paying for college themselves. Despite this initial privilege, I am also privileged to have been one the recipients of a scholarship from Howard University, so at the end, the only thing I am dependent on my parents for is money for upkeep.

Although I have all these at my disposal, they also have some downsides. To study in the US, I have to agree to some conditions. One of them is agreeing to not seek for a full-time job as a student outside the campus. I am allowed to be an intern with proper authorization, but this is only possible during the summer. This is because in the scholarship agreement, I am expected to take a minimum of 15 credits per semester and also maintain a CGPA of 3.3. Finding an

internship while I have such limiting conditions is quite impossible. This causes me to be completely dependent on my parents for my financial needs. As a young adult with a lot of needs, this is a huge inconvenience because going to my parents for everything I need can be a tasking job on its own. It's not easy to explain how I spent \$100 in a week without getting yelled at.

### **Work Cited**

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