Adult education classes became a lifeline for Fousseyni when he came to the United States. His lack of English skills created a barrier for him as he went to public school, and he began to feel isolated. He was also nervous because he had heard many stories about Americans carrying guns.

When Fousseyni joined adult education classes at Literacy KC he gained comfortability not only with the English language, but also with American people. His first teacher, Emily, honed his listening skills, and he began to gain confidence in conversation with others. He states, “I feel better now because I can do things that I was scared to do before learning English. I have accomplished a lot.” After one full year of English education, his reading and writing skills also began to flourish and his eyes have begun looking ahead to the future.

His new teachers this year, Michaela and Melissa, have begun discussions with him about his goals. He aspires to finish with a high school diploma in the next few years and attend a university in Missouri. His desired course of study is to become a medical technician. He is so thankful for the head start that adult education provided him in this country so that he can become a contributing and productive member of society.