

My name is Golekane Makola and I joined 18twenty8 in 2021. I really enjoyed the induction programme as it made us understand the organisation better and how it helps young women, who are younger than 28, to pursue higher education. The bursary allowed me to meet women from different cultures and backgrounds but who all share the same values and goals.

The financial assistance for my tuition fees in 2021 eased my mom's burden and allowed me to focus on my studies and achieve good marks as opposed to worrying about fees. In 2022, I received a laptop.

The best part of my experience is the different events that allowed us to network with a Big Sister and other ladies who are experienced in different fields. I have learnt so much and have met people who have impacted my life positively.

I will be forever grateful for the amazing communication and support the bursary has given me. The support from 18twenty8 is important for young women in South Africa to build their dreams - it all starts with a goal and a career.

I believe 18twenty8 will continue to impact many young women's lives and develop them in many ways - which is every empowering.

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