

18twenty8

To whom it may concern,

In 2020 I proudly graduated with my undergraduate in BCom Accounting, following 2021 when I graduated with my postgraduate in BCom Tax Accounting. The past 2 years would not have been possible without the guidance, support and motivation from *18twenty8*.

From the first virtual interaction I had with *18twenty8*, they have offered me transparency and honesty that is incomparable to the reserved communication I have received from past organisations. *18twenty8* made me and so many other black and of colour women feel seen and heard. During the pandemic everyone, including myself, felt isolated at some point but the passion that *18twenty8* had to build an empowering community that uplifted me even in these moments of uncertainty is inspiring.

As a young woman living in South Africa, *18twenty8* has been the catalyst that has lit my flame in helping me break the mould. I am achieving my educational, social and personal life goals because you believed in me.

Thank you *18twenty8*. There are not enough ways for me to express my gratitude but I hope that it can be seen in the growth from the young woman you met in 2020 versus the confident and intellectual woman that is writing you this letter in 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Jessica Brown