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I am Vuyiswa Mankayi, a 26-year-old African female. I have recently obtained my Honors degree in Applied Linguistics from the University of Johannesburg. I am truly grateful for the funding opportunity I received from 18twenty8. It encouraged me to commit to my academics throughout the year.

After an odious and frustrating year without funding, 18twenty8 assisted me in settling my debt. I had an outstanding debt of R1500 that I could not settle from my undergraduate, R5000 from a loaned device, and R23000 for the 2023 tuition fees. In total, 18twenty8 has funded me with approximately R37000. The money was transferred into my student account to clear my outstanding debt, and the remaining balance of R5760 helped me register for the 2024 academic year. I am VERY grateful for the courtesy that 18twenty has shown, and the commitment the organization has for empowering young women. As of this April, I will be able to walk on stage with pride knowing that I do not owe the institution and holding my certificate in my hand.

I am extremely grateful and happy for the opportunity. May the organisation continue to succeed, grow, and empower even more young women. May you continue to spread kindness and positivity to other young women in South Africa and beyond. In IsiXhosa we say, 'sibusisiwe isandla esiphayo kunesithathayo'. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Vuyiswa Mankayi