

Dear 18twenty8 team,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the financial assistance I received through your Financial Assistance Programme during my Honours studies. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on my experience and share how your support has significantly impacted my educational journey.

I applied to the Financial Assistance Programme at 18twenty8 because I recognized the need for financial support to pursue my academic goals. As I embarked on my Bachelor of Social Science Honours in Gender Studies, I was motivated by a deep commitment to understanding and addressing gender-related issues within our society. However, the financial strains associated with further education posed a considerable challenge. I was encouraged to apply to your programme due to its reputation for supporting students who aspire to make a meaningful difference in their communities.

The programme was instrumental in providing me with the resources I needed to focus on my studies without the burden of financial stress. Your support allowed me to dedicate time and energy to my research and coursework, ultimately leading to my successful completion of the program with distinction. I am proud to report that I graduated with an Honours degree, which would not have been possible without the assistance of 18twenty8.

During my Honours year, I received not only financial support but also invaluable guidance and networking opportunities through the Big Sister programme. Being part of a community that values education and social responsibility motivated me to excel in my studies and actively engage with critical discussions in gender studies.

Looking ahead, I plan to leverage my Honours degree to catalyse change in the field of gender studies and advocate for gender equality. My intention is to establish a career that combines research, education, and community engagement. I am particularly interested in developing programs and initiatives that address gender inequities, raise awareness, and empower marginalized communities. The skills and knowledge I gained during my Honours studies will be essential as I pursue these goals.

In conclusion, I am immensely grateful for the support from 18Twenty8, which played a crucial role in my academic achievements and future aspirations. Thank you for investing in my education and for your commitment to empowering students like me.

Sincerely,

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