

I became an 18twenty8 beneficiary in 2025 and the Financial Assistance Programme has been instrumental in my studies, by providing financial relief and allowing me to focus on my academics.

Through this support, I have gained valuable skills in personal budgeting, leadership, community involvement and sisterhood, which have greatly enriched my personal and academic development.

My graduation is scheduled for May 2026 and my future plans include pursuing a career in Animal Production/Sciences and giving back to my community by mentoring young women and supporting educational initiatives.

My advice to the young women of South Africa is to seize every opportunity for education and personal growth. Believe in your potential and never hesitate to seek support from programmes like 18twenty8 that empower you to achieve your dreams.

Thank you for your encouragement and for being a vital part of my journey.

Yours sincerely,

Mothando Manana