

To 18twenty8

I am writing to express my utmost gratitude for the support and opportunity you provided for me to continue with my studies. When I applied for the bursary, I did not think that I would be lucky enough to receive your assistance.

I became a beneficiary of 18twenty8 in 2025 because of your commitment to empowering young women through education and skills development. Your Financial Assistance Programme really helped me because it arrived at a time where I thought nothing good could ever come out of 2025. I was really stressed because I did not know how, and when, I was going to pay for my studies. Through this programme, I was relieved of the financial burden which allowed me to focus towards my schoolwork.

I am thankful that I received this assistance because it provided me with peace of mind and confidence that everything will work out for the best. For my future, I would really like to further my studies and do a postgraduate diploma in Tourism - with hopes that my academic knowledge of the industry will help me as time goes by. An internship is in the plans so that I can get the training I need and understand the gist of things before committing myself to the industry fully. However, I keep applying to every job post I see to get a job, whilst awaiting my dream position.

The young women of South Africa must never doubt their potential to become successful because the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. I recommend that they don't give up and stay true to themselves. They must grab every opportunity provided for the betterment of themselves with both hands and use it to its fullest potential.

My graduation from DUT will be mid-May 2026. For now, I do not have the specific date, but it will take place during that time.

Sincerely,

Zinhle Methula

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