

I joined 18twenty8 in 2017. I had applied in 2015 because I needed funds for varsity but I also wanted to be funded by someone who is more than just a funder. Someone who wanted to be involved every step of the way.

When I came across 18twenty8, I found all I was looking for. I found an organisation that uplifts women with the aim of launching them into becoming prominent women wherever they head in the years to come.

The bursary covered everything that a student at university needs: tuition, textbooks, accommodation and an allowance. Knowing that there was always someone to talk to who understands the journey of a young woman in pursuit of her dreams was very important to me because finances are not everything, and that was invaluable.

I have been job seeking since graduation in April 2018 and have also registered a company which is at its start-up phase. I plan on making it the biggest electrical services company in the country by the year 2022. My degree from Wits (BSc-Biological Sciences) will enable me to tackle some of the components in the various fields I'm looking to be employed in at the moment. The degree will also enable me to venture into broad research areas especially those designated to combat the detrimental effects of hypertension in South Africa. Our country has the highest blood pressure in Southern Africa and approximately 53 men and 78 women die each day from the impact of hypertension. I want to contribute to research concerned with pharmacogenetics in addressing this problem. I was like a seed on rocky ground until 18twenty8 took me in and became the fertile ground that supported all my needs to facilitate my germination into somebody who is an achiever. I am now ready to go out into the world and make it. Thank you 18twenty8!