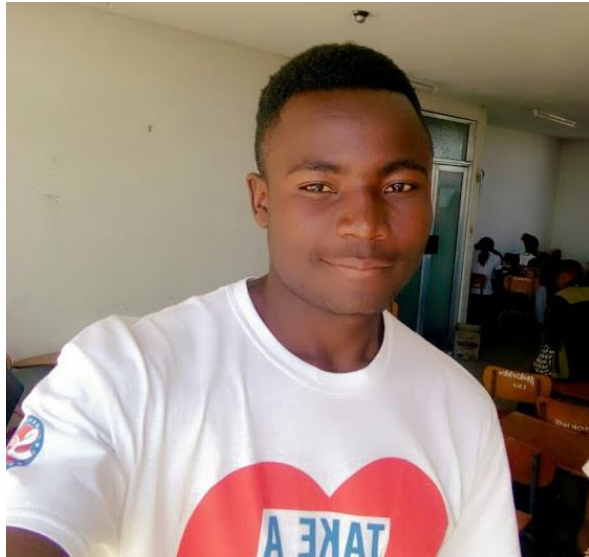


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I am a 19 year old young man, currently doing Bachelor of commerce honors degree in Human Resources management at the Lupane state University. I am going to tell you how this scholarship/educational funding has helped me to where I am today.

Having grew up the only child of my mother and not knowing my father in a family of 4, although some were my cousins, it was a big challenge to my emotional and financial proceedings at school. My mother was the only one who had to look after me with her less paying minial jobs that she used to do in South Africa to cater for all the needs I had for school and the needs(survival means) she also had . She had to use her small salary to cater for my school fees, clothing, food and her rent and food in South Africa as well that's why I had to relocate to the rural areas of the Nkayi district to live with my Grandfather for cheap education.

The situation traumatized me and could disturb me in my studies as I was constantly dismissed from school for unpaid school fees during my secondary education. My primary education had not been that difficult and maybe its because I was too young to see the struggles my mother was going through in order to suffice for every necessity. In the villages my grandfather would also help by selling some of the few cattle he had to pay my school fees and as if it was not enough the distance to school

in the rural areas was also a challenge as I walked 4km to and from school however having seen such problems being encountered by my family I did all I could to bring a good and expected outcome to avoid being a disappointment.

During my final year at Dakamela secondary school when I was in form 4 , my grandfather passed away and out of sympathy my class teacher took me to live with him in the school cottages for the completion of my form 4 studies as I now had no one to live with at home, my leadership qualities also nurtured as I became a Headboy at school. In that same year my mother also fell sick, luckily it was after she had registered for my final year exams. She was brought back home for treatment and now she was jobless. Her employers in Capetown seemed to love her so much even when she fell sick and returned home they still cared, called, and even sent some money purposely for her treatment . I went on to write my final year exams and I could feel they were very bad but I had to soldier on and face what I cannot change(reality) . I managed to pass my O' level examinations though I felt it was just below my standards.

After the outcome of my O' level examinations , when my mother was still sick her employers volunteered to take responsibility for my A' level education. This was great news to me , getting the opportunity to go for A level despite all the circumstances that were faced by family told me that I am someone created to be great. Most importantly at a Psychological level , inclusion is power. My fees were paid and my mum was there encouraging me all the way though she couldn't survive the Tuberculosis anymore. Even my teachers and fellow students ,, and my church urged me on . I was never going to let them down, especially myself!

I started believing in myself as someone bound for greatness , became the Deputy Headboy at Tennyson Hlabangana High school (2015-16). I started dreaming and acting differently . I passed my A level studies and also felt stuck after it up until I found this so much helpful educational funding that has made me this best person I am today and it has encouraged me a lot having met some of my colleagues we are together in this scholarship. Ever since I got this scholarship things have never been the same I see the grace of God in it and it gives me every strength to soldier on and I will never disappoint you.

Having grown up now I understand the philosophy of life and the important and valuable things we get day in day out but most importantly I have learnt to prioritise and appreciate and not to disappoint. This scholarship has made me forget about my previous struggles as I always aspired to continue my education at a higher level like this so I believe it has moulded me into the person that I am today and this is not yet enough of me, it's just the warm up. I aspire to be great and join this Union to fund for/sponsor the children who dream big but have different challenges that hinder their progress in education.

Now I also do what I can to instill hope to my fellow youths whom I come across and to those who seem to be hopeless. Thanks to this scholarship which has brought me to where I am in order to fulfill my dreams as it has encouraged me to work even much harder. GODBLESS!

