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I am a young man aged 21 years old. I'm doing an **Honours Degree in Accounting** at the **National University Science and Technology** in Zimbabwe, I'm in my second year now and getting ready for attachment anytime from June 2018.

**My story and the impact of the scholarship to my**

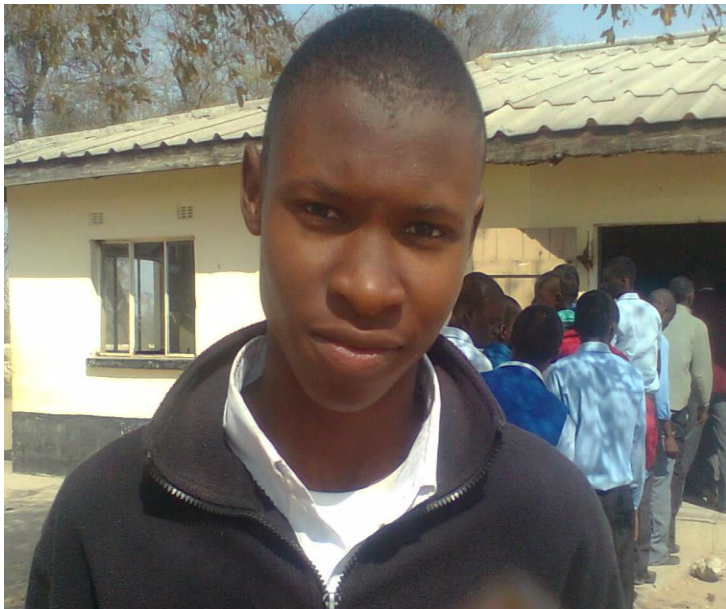
**life**

In 1996 I was born in Bulawayo and that's when my story began. I was born to a single Mother and her name is Rosa Nyoni. My mother worked really hard to keep a smile on me but it was never easy for her to do it alone, but for the small things she did I am grateful.

For my primary level education, I went to four (4) different schools that is Chinonge primary in Binga, Makwika primary in Hwange, Chinotimba primary in Victoria Falls and St Francis Xavier primary in Dete where I set for my primary final examinations. All these transfers explain very well the challenges I and my mother were facing financially. I have learnt a lot growing up that no matter how hard the situation is keep your head up.

The time for secondary education came and the only school my mother and her sister could afford is Detema Secondary school in Dete. I attended there. The school is known for its constant trend of poor results, but I prayed and studied hard so that the history of the school did not affect my results and my own history. I started my Form One with a traveling gear and it was one of my life changing decisions. I continued at that school until Form 4 in 2013. I sat for 9 subjects and I got 6A's and 3B's setting a record for a so called bad school.

### **When I was form 4 in 2013**



Excited about my results, I was also stressed at the same time about how to fund my A 'Level education. Great thanks to my O'level teachers who helped me apply to Inyathi high school. When I got there, I applied for the Budiriro Bursary that is administered by Mr. Joshua Mpofu and others. By God's grace, I was awarded the scholarship and life became sweet again for I was able to study stress free. I kept my head up and studied hard. As a result I obtained the following results:

- Business Studies **B**
- Mathematics **A**
- Accounting **A**

### **My A 'Level picture**



My journey did not end there. I had to go for tertiary education, but how was I going to fund my tuition? I am grateful to the people that are working hard day and night so as to fund my education. After my A' Levels my hopes of tertiary education had been darkened. I did not keep the challenge to myself I approached people I knew who could help me find sponsors considering my good A 'level results. I made a couple of applications and of which some needed money to apply, only if I knew that they are such kind people who receive applications free of charge and considering the fact that they are the ones funding my tuition fee I would have applied to them only. Mr. Mpofu was of great help during the scholarship application process and I thank him for believing in me and finding me the scholarship.

The **Mthwakazi Scholarship Fund** has rejuvenated the hopes of my bright future. I promise to work hard and utilize this opportunity to be a better member of the society. I would like to thank and show my gratitude to **Mr. Nkululeko Mloyi** for his dedication, love and support he has showed to me, may the Almighty God bless him so much. I would like to extend my gratitude to Miss Thokozile Mkwanazi and the rest of the sponsors for creating and directing such a helping and uplifting education funding platform. Last but not least, I would like to thank all those who are contributing towards the scholarship. Your help is greatly appreciated.

### **My current life at Nust**



I promise to never lose focus but keep my head up and stick to the main objective of getting pleasing results. My confidence and self-esteem has been

boosted thanks to you guys for without you I would not be where I am right now. I have a family that I know loves me and that gives me a reason to try and make each day a better one. I have also learnt to give from what you have done to me. Your path I shall follow so as to make Zimbabwe a better home for everyone.

Thank you !!!!!!!