

Dear Oppenheimer Memorial Trustees

Letter of appreciation

I write this letter to show my appreciation for the financial support that I receive from you every month. It is very hard to focus at university when you do not have your basic necessities.

I have seen other students working hard to generate money to sustain themselves since they are not funded, or their funding is insufficient. They also have a big workload that they need to cover, and they barely have leisure time to unwind and build their social and spiritual life which are very important in developing oneself. By the grace of God I have received your support and a very important aspect of my academics has been covered – my finances.

Thank you very much for all you are doing – you are highly appreciated.

Sinothi Zethembe Mswane (UKZN Medical Student)

Dear Oppenheimer Memorial Trust

I hope that you are well.

I just want to thank UYDF for their support, rental, meal allowance, book allowance, covering my tuition – everything in fact! I am so grateful, I wouldn't have made it this far.

May God bless you all.

Warm regards
Thubelihle Fakude
Dietetics Student UKZN

Dear Oppenheimer Memorial Trust Trustees

I write this letter as an attempt to try and show how grateful I am for your contribution to the Foundation of which I know words can never fully describe.

I am a fourth-year student who was blessed and fortunate enough to get the Umthombo Bursary during her second year of study which was a life changing opportunity for me as a student. Firstly I was introduced to a mentor who was an absolute help with regards to making decisions that I would later not regret. I was also introduced to a family, my UYDF brothers and sisters, both younger and older than me. It was a great help because there was someone ahead who I could learn from, and I knew there was always someone looking up at me, which has helped us all to do well.

UYDF has given me and many others the opportunity of being like other students; through them I do not have feelings of inferiority. The pocket money we receive each and every month goes a long way not in just getting groceries for me, or a few clothing items here and there, but I get to help my family whenever I can. It has taught me something that university would have not taught me - that is how to handle my finances and be responsible with money.

Today I'm assured of a better future, and I'm fully aware that my educational pursuit would not be possible without the generous support of the Foundation, who receives funds from your Trust.

I thank you for helping not just me specifically, but every student that is part of Umthombo Family

Yours sincerely,
Sanele Hlophe
4th Year UKZN Pharmacy Student

A letter to my sponsor: Anglo American

My name is Sbusile Lamula, I am a 4th year pharmacy student from Ulundi in KwaZulu-Natal. I would like to thank you for this opportunity you have given me to pursue my dream, to become a pharmacist one day. My mother she is the breadwinner and she is the one supporting my family and some of my extended family with her small salary. Her salary wouldn't pay for my fees. Because of your support and UYDF I don't have any stress at school because I also receive a food allowance every month and I also get a book allowance at beginning of the year to the books I need. You have made my school life very easy and smooth. Thank very much.

Sbusile Sinothando Lamula

Dear Discovery Trustees

I don't know where to start because my words are aren't enough to thank you for what you have done for me so far. I am a person who comes from a deep rural settlement and the first person to do Medicine in my area. Both my parents are unemployed meaning they could not help me despite my good matric results. I am very grateful to have found a funder like Discovery.

Thank you for your support and in choosing to fund me out of many the people in need of help. I am nothing without you - you recruited me when I had nothing to show, but I am now proud to say I am a 3rd year UKZN medical student. Doing Medicine has always been my dream and if Discovery didn't

help me, I would be nothing by now. I promise to work hard and pass with great marks and reach my goals. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Mgcineni Simiso Mbatha

Dear Sir/Madam

A letter of sincere thanks to Umthombo Youth Development Foundation and Nedbank Foundation.

I am writing this letter to express my sincere gratitude to the Nedbank Foundation for making it possible for me to become a recipient of this bursary, and to thank you for your generous, financial support towards my higher education.

I am currently a prospective Pharmacist at Tshwane University of Technology. The support of Umthombo Youth Development Foundation and the financial support of the Nedbank Foundation has caused a positive impact on my life. Growing up in a less privileged community and family has not only offered financial and academic challenges but made me realise the importance of higher education.

My parents did not have a stable financial income for me to pursue my dreams at university. I applied for UYDF at my nearest hospital called Itshelejuba hospital and my application was successful. Since I was chosen as one of the recipients of UYDF my dream of being a Pharmacist is becoming real.

I also thank Umthombo Youth Development Foundation for opening the opportunity for me to become a volunteer at Itshelejuba hospital. It helps me to accumulate information and apply the theoretical information I received at university by putting it into practice at the hospital.

My educational pursuits would not be possible without the generous support from Nedbank Foundation. Thank you for enabling this opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Menzi Mabilisa

Dear Robin Hamilton Trustees

Thank you for taking care of me even though you haven't met me in person.

I am grateful, you are not just supporting me only, but you are supporting My whole family (Me, mom and dad). Thank you for paying for my education, it's incredible to know that someone out there is concerned about my success. This year was a unique year most of the students were not cleared for NSFAS they were worried, and I was just there chilling because I knew you got My back. Knowing that My tuition fees are covered eliminates a huge amount of stress and rejuvenate me all the times. Obtaining meal allowance monthly fills me with indescribable joy and the feeling of completeness. The word Thank you is not enough to indicate how grateful I am.

Thank you for offering me an opportunity to prepare for amelioration of my family, my community and my nation. By 2017 My father had a stroke injury He lost his ability to communicate, his speech sounds slow and slurred (he was diagnosed with aphasia of speech due to brain injury) but since I am doing speech therapy, I implemented rehabilitation of spoken language with him, this will help him retrieve the use of his language and speech. This is all possible because of your support. Thank you for providing financial stability at home. The meal allowance that I receive monthly is essential in all perspectives.

Your remarkably support since the beginning of 2018 is highly appreciated. I sincerely THANK YOU.

Ntombifuthi Mpungose

Dear Discovery Trustees

Re: My gratitude for university funds!

This serves to thank you for your generous contribution towards my university studies. Not only did you fund a student but a potential street kid who, without your help would be purposely roaming around the streets.

I did not have alternatives none what so ever, but your kind gesture has brought me this far. Every year when it is registration time I sit back and reflect on the privilege I have in you. Through the university education you are feeding my mental wellness. Through physical food allowance you feed my physical wellness. And through your full cover tuition you feed my spiritual wellness simply because you take away all my financial stresses. Thus, I can shout to the world and say Discovery cares.

From first year you have been shielding me like a hen shielding her chicks. I have reached fifth year of grace and look forward to the final year next year with you holding my hand. The role you played could not be played by any of my family members given the dire economic background. You have brought light to me, my family as well as the village where I am from as I will be the first resident to have such a prestigious qualification.

The great teacher to ever walked on this earth once said, "*freely ye received, freely ye give.*" This I will take as a command, that now that I have received the light of education, I teach the art to those who wish to learn it.

I look so forward to becoming a Discovery member in the future!

Grateful,

Dumisani Mthembu (Student)

Dear Anglo American Trustees

LETTER OF GRATITUDE

I'm writing this letter to express my gratitude towards the generosity you've shown by being a sponsor of my education.

I am currently doing second year at the University of the Witwatersrand studying Bachelor of Dental Science. Words cannot describe how grateful I am for your donations to the Umthombo Youth Development Foundation, through your donations my financial burden has been reduced, and I am able to focus on my studies effectively.

Your donations contribute towards the food I eat every day, the residence I live in and my tuition fees. I am able to afford essential things which would have been impossible to achieve without your support, judging from the financial standpoint of my family. I am humbled and so grateful for your support.

Your kindness has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I have confidence that one day I will be able help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Thank you.

Yours Faithfully

Nkanyiso Nkosi

Greetings sponsor

I hope this email finds you well. I take this chance to appreciate your great work and kindness in helping me achieving my goal of becoming a quality qualified doctor.

Through mentoring provided by UYDF, financial support from you and parenting you have taken away the big dark cloud facing my future and have brought light that shines on all the rural mountains, like a morning star presenting a great day with wonders coming.

Thank you for believing in me.

Yours sincerely

Nhlonipho Mpontshane

UKZN Medical Student

Dear Oppenheimer Memorial Trustees

This is Lindelani Mabuyakhulu one of the privileged students to be sponsored by you. Firstly I would like to thank you for partnering with Umthombo Youth Foundation in tackling the issue of shortage of health care professionals in the rural areas and sponsoring the financial unprivileged students from the rural areas. Having my tuition fees paid for it is the best thing that can ever happen to anyone or it's any student's dream.

I would like to thank you for this amazing work you do out of love for me and other students. Your generous giving lifts burdens from lots of struggling families including mine. This is to show gratitude, because now I sleep at night and study knowing that everything is taken care of. You don't know me but your hand was not withheld from helping me reach for the sky and make my dream of being a health care professional come true.

Thank you

Lindelani Nhlonipho Mabuyakhulu
UKZN Pharmacy student

Dear Oppenheimer Memorial Trustees

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support of the Umthombo Youth Development Foundation in sponsoring my university finances.

I am a fourth year medical student at the University of the Witwatersrand. The financial assistance you are providing is of great help to me in paying my university expenses, and it allows me to focus more on my studies and worry less about the finances.

I have been funded by the UYDF for a year now, and my marks have already improved as I can now focus more on my studies. My plans at this stage are to complete my medical degree in record time. Coming from a less privileged background has not only made me notice the financial challenges that I come across, but also the importance of education. Upon realising that, in the future not only will I be making a difference within the health sciences field, but I will also play a role in making education a possibility for other individuals like me.

Once again thank you for your financial support, not only did it make my life less stressful and took me a step closer to becoming a medical doctor, but it is through you that I will be able to help save lives and give hope for the future to the less fortunate.

Sincerely,

Zethembiso Nyawo
WITS Medical Student