



Greetings, my name is Oratile Venter and I am 18 years of age. I am currently from Lephengville, in Hammanskraal which is a small town in a Northern GAUTENG. Well, I am currently studying Bachelor of Arts in Behavioural Science with Sociology and Psychology at the North West university VTC, and one may ask 'what is that Course all about', so hear is a short summary of what it contains 'A **behavioral science degree** explores the effect of human actions and interaction. It is a bridge that connects the natural **sciences** with the social **sciences**. Many people who major in **behavioral science** go on to acquire social work positions or to become counselors.' and it's a three-year degree on my side.

I did my Matric last year at Moditela Secondary School and honestly, I found it a bit tough, tricky and draining doing my applications. It was not an easy thing on my side because 'applications' can be difficult and confusing at times for one to it alone, more especially if it's your first time, you will need someone to assist or you will give up and never continue.

I also had problems with paying my 'application fees' and that was one of the most stressful part of my applications, because without it they don't even check your 'application'. So what I did last year, I tried to applying to universities where there were no 'application fees' required and I did not do it alone obviously because they are tricky, and to all the universities where the 'application fee' was required I did not apply to them.

It happened that I get invited by the Mustard Seed Foundation, to attend the FUNDING Expo, which was hosted by the EduSnapperFoundation in collaboration with Mustard Seed Foundation. That is where I found help, and managed to apply to all the universities I wish to be in, including those where applications fees were required, how?? Well, the person who was helping me with my Applications, paid the application fees for me and they also helped me to apply for funding. From that day I had hope that I will be at School next year, studying a course of my choice and being funded NSFAS, and well through them it all came into reality. So, I am now studying in one of the top 5 ranked universities and I have funding.

All thanks to the Mustard Seed Foundation and the EduSnapperFoundation, through you guys I managed to be where I am today, I am grateful for the 'Funding Expo' and most importantly the people who came with it.

"Walk on with hope in your heart, and you'll never walk alone."

Shah Rukh Khan, in short just hope for the best and never ever lose hope and keeping in mind that there are people out here, to help you prosper.