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**BOKAMOSO YOUTH PROGRAM**

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**22 YEARS OLD / FEMALE**  
**DIPLOMA IN MARKETING MANAGEMENT**  
**PC TRAINING ANG BUSINESS COLLEGE**  
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I was born and raised in Winterveldt. I have an older sister and we were raised by my mother, who fed and nurtured us by sewing jerseys until she found a job as a domestic worker in 2007. I completed matric (grade 12) at age of 17 in 2004.

As my mother couldn't afford my tertiary fees and I was not successful in getting a student loan as I could not provide my identity document (department of home affairs delayed). I was forced to stay home for a period of two years until a friend introduced me to Bokamoso Youth Center in June 2006. I got the scholarship in January 2007 and started studying towards a Diploma in Business Administration Specializing in Marketing Management and completed in December 2008.

The challenges I encountered during the college period were; not having enough and proper study books, not enough space to study at home because we live in a two roomed government constructed house, and having to experience my mother and sister's daily struggle for my transport fares to college. I got distracted in my studies, got very ill which lead to anxiety disorder (September 2007) and swelling of lymph nodes of my neck and had to undergo an operation (July 2008). But through all of that I managed to complete in given duration.

I am currently unemployed as it is difficult to get a job these days in South Africa with especially a college Diploma. I would like to continue with my studies, and with if the scholarship could continue so that I could continue so that I will study for a degree with a university.