

Bursary brings brighter future to East London student

A passion for working with people coupled with an interest in science and biology is why Wanda Panya from Gompo Town, East London hopes to become pharmacist.

Panya was in need of financial assistance in order to further his post-school education, but thanks to a bursary from the Shoprite Group, he is now enrolled as a first year BPharm student at Rhodes University.

“I found out about the bursary online and when I learned there was also opportunity to get a job after studying, it was a big stress reliever because I know it’s not easy out there,” explains Panya.

The Group’s bursary programme is linked to a work-back agreement, giving students the boost they need to kick-start their careers. Panya is looking forward to joining MediRite, the in-house pharmacy located in Shoprite and Checkers supermarkets, after completing his studies.

“Shoprite has been very supportive. They regularly call and check up on me so I would definitely recommend the bursary programme to others as it’s the best option in the country,” he says.

With 58% of unemployed South Africans aged 15 - 34 and a shortage of funding for many students in need, the Shoprite Group is searching for bright, hard-working young people like Wanda Panya who need financial support in order to continue their post-school education.

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