

## **Bursary holder undeterred by the challenges of university life**

The learning curve was steep, but she overcame the obstacles and remains on course to become, in her own words, “an influential and inspiring” Chartered Accountant.

Shoprite bursary holder Mbali Mahamba (23) has come along way since leaving her grandparents’ home in Hendrina, Mpumalanga to study B. Accounting at the University of the Free State. Her earning potential was the last thing on her mind when she decided on this course. “I like a challenge and of all the subjects I studied at high school Accounting really challenged me,” she says.

The greatest adjustment was adapting to her new environment. “I’ve learnt many life lessons in my two years at university. I learnt to be tough-minded and not to allow anything to hold me back. Being an adult means taking responsibility and not relying on anyone but yourself to realise your dreams.”

She found out about the bursary programme from the [Shoprite Holdings](#) website. “The application process was quick and easy and my interview with the Finance Manager at the Bloemfontein Divisional Office was amazing. He was so friendly and kind,” she adds.

Ultimately she plans to build her mother a “mansion” and make her grandparents proud.

The Shoprite Group’s bursary purse for 2018 has not yet been depleted and anyone studying the courses below can apply on the [website](#):

- Accounting (Chartered Accountants)
- Pharmacy
- Retail Business Management
- Logistics
- IT

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