

Shoprite calls on students to take up bursary opportunities

With unemployment in South Africa at its highest rate since 2003 and 58% of unemployed people being between 15 and 34 years old, the Shoprite Group is searching for bright, hard-working young people who need funding in order to continue their post-school education and have a better chance of finding jobs.

Shoprite provided 191 students with bursaries to study over the 2017 academic year, and is calling on more students to take up bursary opportunities for 2018.

In the face of such high youth unemployment and a shortage of funding for many students in need, Shoprite invested R10.9 million in bursaries this year alone. As the largest private sector employer in South Africa, Shoprite develops people's skills to drive its own business as well as the economy at large through job opportunities. In the past year, Shoprite created over 6 000 new jobs of which 91% were filled by people aged 34 and under.

The Group's bursaries are offered to matriculants applying to higher education institutions in South Africa as well as to students currently completing tertiary qualifications in programmes such as pharmacy, chartered accounting, logistics, IT and retail business management.

Candidates could qualify for a bursary of up to R70 000, depending on the course of study and institution, to assist with tuition, books and accommodation.

Additionally, each bursary is linked to a work-back agreement with the Group, giving students the boost they need to kick-start a great career.

[Apply for a Shoprite bursary](#) today or find out more about one of its graduate programmes [here](#).

Photo 1: Shoprite bursary holders, Coceka Fanela September and Nabeelah Galant

Photo 2: Shoprite bursary holder, Alethu Sive Bam