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Applications for Shoprite bursaries still open

Shoprite's bursary purse for 2018 has not been depleted and all students are welcome to apply and experience the freedom of studying without the heavy burden of financial stress.

Bursary holder Siphosethu Bota (21), a third year student studying towards a degree in Retail Business Management at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology, did not give up when his first application for a Shoprite bursary in 2016 was unsuccessful: "It was my first year and I was really nervous in the interview. Instead of selling myself, I concentrated too much on my financial need."

He was able to register for his second year despite unpaid debt and when he applied for the bursary a second time he was successful.

Siphosethu warmed to his course and today speaks passionately about it, "I had every intention to enrol for another course in my second year, but half way through the first year I really started to enjoy it. Retail is a challenging business because you are dependent on others for your delivery, and I enjoy a challenge," says Siphosethu, who moved to Cape Town from Cofimvaba in the Eastern Cape.

He finds the work-back agreement one of the best aspects of this bursary. "Who could say no to gaining work experience at South Africa's biggest retailer. The fact that Shoprite has a presence in Africa makes it even more attractive as an employer," he adds.

Last year Shoprite's bursary programme paid for the studies of 287 students, which translated to a investment of more than R16 million.

The bursary programme is aimed exclusively at students studying the following courses:

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

For more information about the programme and to apply click [here](#).

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Photo1 caption: Siphosethu Bota (21), a Shoprite bursary-holder, is excited to embark on his third year studying Retail Business Management at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology.

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