

## **Dream big and win school fees for a year**

Tough economic times continue to put immense pressure on families and with ever-increasing school fees parents are feeling more cash-strapped than ever, but fortunately more than 450 learners will get the opportunity to have their school fees for 2018 paid for with Shoprite's annual 'Class Of' competition.

The initiative forms part of Shoprite's commitment to uplifting the communities in which it operates by creating opportunities through education.

Since its launch, the competition has already seen more than R5 million in school fees paid out by the retailer, helping thousands of scholars.

The competition calls on learners from Grade 1 to 12 across the country to gather pen and paper and submit a short essay or creative drawing describing what they want to be when they grow up.

Competition entry forms are available at all Shoprite stores across South Africa or can be accessed on the Shoprite website at <https://www.shoprite.co.za>

The 'Class of 2018' competition closes on 28 January and winners will be announced in early February 2018.

Further to the annual 'Class Of' competition, the Shoprite Group creates additional opportunities for young people by annually investing R20 million in its bursary programme. These bursaries are offered to both matriculants applying to higher institutions in South Africa as well as students currently completing tertiary qualifications and are linked to work-back agreements ensuring employment opportunities after graduation.

### **About some of last year's winners (photo captions):**

- Aaron Bruintjies (11) wants to become a firefighter one day.
- Ayabulele Mongezi (12) dreams of being a doctor when she's older.
- Mercedes Keith (9) hopes to become a veterinarian when she grows up.

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