

Summer 2022 Update Letter:



What our scholars are most proud of

At SSASF, we encourage our scholars to take pride in the impact they can have in their communities, and encourage them to push themselves in their studies and to achieve great things. We asked our SSASF scholarship recipients to tell us what they have been most proud of, and these some of their answers:



“I am proud of my academic achievements thus far. I am proud of the hard work I have put in my academics in the past few years which has gained me knowledge. I am proud of my journey in the world of academia and self-discovery. I am proud that I have been able to set goals and still held myself in position to achieve them. More than anything I am proud that I am a Wits graduate and post grad student, with the help and financial support of the SASSF organisation. In the University there are many challenges we face as students, mental health issues being the most common amongst all students, I am proud to not being a person who gives whenever I am faced with tough times. I am proud that I do not deprive myself opportunities to learn. I am proud that I believe in the power of education and knowledge, I am proud that I have opened myself to learn everyday.”

-Nasiphe Melani, B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg (Wits University)

“My name is Anelisa James an IT student doing my final year. What I am most proud of accomplishing this year is getting an internship for Work Integrated Learning. I am very happy that I will start gaining experience in the workplace. It's starting in July and I can't wait to start.”

-Anelisa James, Candidate for Bachelor's Degree, Information Technology from Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT)





“My greeting to you and the rest of SSASF family. Firstly I would like to mention that the past two years have been taking a toll in my life personally and academically. However it is with great pleasure to inform that this year I managed to involve myself in extracurricular activities here in school and back in my community. On January, I began tutoring a group of 5 high school pupils, helping them with the subject Mathematical Literacy. In return I was happy their (student’s) first term results because there was a bit of improvement in their marks. In the middle of March, I volunteered to partake in ‘Meal a day’ program facilitated by the School’s Representative Council. This program provides free meals to struggling students.”

-Sinelizwi Sityebi, Candidate for Bachelor of Law at University of Western Cape (UWC)

“My proudest moments are when I graduated for my post studies in June 2021 for Btech: Transport (Civil engineering).

I studied part-time and was funded by SSASF. After 3 years I graduated. It was one of biggest achievements in my life.

In addition, I also bought my first car in 2020 as I worked for good Civil engineering consultants and as part of the job requirements I had to be in position of having a car. I am very grateful and proud of what I have accomplished thus far.”

-Phumza Sdiki, BTech in Civil Engineering from Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT)



Revitalizing SSASF

Our South African scholars are proud of themselves, and we are proud of them. They have shown their dedication to furthering their studies and bettering themselves and their communities. Year after year, we are continually motivated to provide tuition aid and other forms of gap funding to keep helping these incredible young people pursue their dreams.

On the Seattle side, this past year has been a time for growth. Our student members have focused on recruitment and laying the groundwork to hit the ground running in the ‘22/23 school year, growing the club’s membership by over 3x and building excitement around this next generation of SSASF fundraisers.

Please consider introducing your friends and family to SSASF’s mission, particularly if you have a high schooler in your life who you know would love to be a part of a purpose-driven group of peers growing their skills and making a difference. We can be reached at our website <https://www.ssasf.org/> or via email at info@ssasf.org.