

Department of Military Veterans

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EDUCATION SUPPORT

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Preparing A Bright Future For Military Veterans' Children

More than 4000 Military Veterans and their dependents approved for education support on both tertiary and basic education for 2022.

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MESSAGE FROM

The Director General

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**Director General
Ms Irene Mpolweni**

It is indeed an honour for me to bring you some of the recipients of the Department of Military Veterans’ education support benefits. These young men and women have recently graduated and have joined the country’s labour force. We celebrate this special achievement and the remarkable level of commitment these students have shown.

Sometimes we forget how difficult it can be to go the full distance. It is for this reason that we particularly congratulate these rising stars who have undergone various academic training.

It is encouraging that their commitment has seen them completing their studies. Not many can keep up with the demand of higher learning and we know that many throw in the towel long before the end arrives. We are grateful for their commitment and dedication and hope that they will become a beacon of light for others.

We would also like to acknowledge the role of National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) in assisting us with the disbursement of funds. The Department’s education support unit must be acknowledged as well for seeing beyond its mandate of receiving and paying this education benefit to military veterans and their dependents, to devising schemes to intervene in efforts to improve the skills levels of South Africa’s youth.

The skills that they have now acquired are tools that will enable them to get decent jobs – jobs that will sustain them and their families.

I encourage other recipients of our education support to go out there and be productive citizens of the republic and contribute to the country’s economic prosperity.

The department and by extension government has empowered you with these skills. It is now your turn to empower South Africa and its people.



Dr. Zukiswa Mlombile

University of Cape Town Medical Doctor 2022

My name is Dr Zukiswa Mlombile. I was born in Newcastle KZN but grew up in Pretoria, Gauteng. I am a Medical Doctor, currently working in Pietermaritzburg as a Medical Intern with a particular interest in women's health. I studied medicine at the University of Cape Town where I obtained my MBChB degree in 2022 with honours and distinction in the clinical sciences.

I have been fortunate enough to receive funding support from the Department of Military Veterans (DMV). The DMV funded me from the start of my matric year in 2015 up until the end of my medical degree in 2021. This opportunity was graciously afforded to me because of my father, Siyabulela Sobukwe Mlombile, who was a Military Veteran that contributed to the liberation struggle of our country as part of uMkhonto weSizwe (MK).

My father sadly passed away in 2006, leaving behind his beautiful wife, my mother, Phyllis Ntombifuthi Mlombile and 3 children, Nozuko Mlombile, Mkhanyisi Mlombile and myself. As a single parent my mother gives her all to make sure we lack nothing, and she excels in that regard.

I am grateful for the support that DMV has provided me over the past 7 years. I believe it's safe to say that I wouldn't be where I am now without them. It is my sincerest hope that many more students like me will receive the same opportunity to further their studies - especially in the absence of the brave family pillars who contributed towards the liberation of our country.

The Department of Military Veterans supported my twin sister Nozuko at University of Pretoria and brother Mkhanyisi at University of South Africa.

My Military Veteran parent is, Siyabulela Sobukwe Mlombi, uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) Military Veteran, KZN.



University of Free State LL.B degree

| April 2022

Ms Reoagile Morake

My name is Reoagile Morake and I am a reserved, yet outspoken 24 year old who prides herself in being articulate, goal driven, resilient, confident and conscientious.

I was born and bred in Bloemfontein, Free State and enrolled at the University of the Free State upon completion of my matric in 2016. I applied for the LL.B degree at the UFS and started studying in 2017 until I completed the course in 2021 and officially had my Law degree conferred to me in April 2022.

I am currently employed as a candidate attorney at a law firm based in Bloemfontein but am open to exploring other career opportunities in my field.

My Military Veteran parent is, Motse Modisagarekoe Philmon Morake, also known as Geneva Ndlankano, Umkhonto weSizwe (MK) Military Veteran, FS.

University of Cape Town Medical Doctor

| 2018

Dr. Nandi Mayaba

My name is Dr. Nandi Mayaba. I am 28 year old junior medical doctor currently residing and practicing in Gauteng. Upon completing my undergraduate studies along with my internship and community serve, I've come to understand my passion for psychiatry and mental wellness as a general. I therefore, intend on continuing my studies in the field of psychiatry.

Random facts about me: I am the youngest of 4 siblings, a proud rabbit mom and a fine arts and music enthusiast. I was raised in Olifantsfontein, Clayville, Gauteng then later continued my high school learning in KwaZulu Natal, in boarding school; Inanda Seminary.

I studied the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery at the University of Cape Town from 2012 to 2018. As mentioned, I then completed my internship at GJGMRH (formerly Stanger Hospital in KwaZulu Natal) from 2019 to 2020. I then completed my community service in the Eastern Cape, Uitenhage Hospital in 2021. As of 2022 I have relocated back to Gauteng with the plan to further my studies. I am currently working as a general practitioner sessional doctor.

My Military Veteran parent is, Mr JHS Mayaba, APLA.



“Working Together to Improve and Sustain The Livelihoods of Military Veterans` Community”

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The people of South Africa value the enormous contribution made by military veterans towards building a free and democratic South Africa.

We are aware of the desperate condition which characterise the lives of many veterans. Government carry a responsibility to do everything possible to help restore the dignity of our military veterans

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Minister of Defence and Military Veterans
Ms Thandi Modise

University of Free State

Junior Data Analyst 2020



My name is Qawekazi Luwaca, given to me by my late father and former MK, which means “Heroine- a woman admired for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities”. My name is my source of motivation. I strongly believe that I am a very courageous woman as shown through my experience with mental health and grappling with it over these past few years, with a balanced amount of wins and losses.

It has been through these, and in particular the losses that I have witnessed my intellectual growth and strength of character. Although most of my peers have taken a perceived sense of loss badly when things have not worked out as planned, I have instead taken this as a challenge for the development of self. It is for this reason I am forever grateful to the Department of Military Veterans for sponsoring my education and being patient with me throughout this journey. As a result, I intend to use my education to address socio-economic challenges in society.

I was born and bred in the rural Eastern Cape, in Cala Town. Born from a family rooted in the tradition of pursuing social justice. I studied Bachelor of Science majoring in Biochemistry and Genetics at the University of Free State. I was sponsored by DMV Since high school at Cathcart High School and Tertiary at University of Free State. I completed my degree in 2020. I am currently working as a Junior Data Analyst. I am motivated and driven to succeed, as a result I have registered for courses to further enhance my skills in the area of information technology.

My Military Veteran parent is, Lunga Luwaca, Umkhonto weSizwe (MK)
Military Veteran, EC.

Mr Afkile Goodman Hints

University of the Witwatersrand
Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental
Engineering (Hons)

My name is Afkile Goodman Hints and I am a Civil and Environment Engineer who is passionate about the continuous development of the Engineering industry and most importantly the people. I am an individual who is driven by people-centric solutions to improve the quality of life for all.

I am originally from Flagstaff in a village called Nxarhabe location but was raised in Umtata in the Eastern Cape. I studied a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering (Hons) from the University of the Witwatersrand from January 2017 to December 2020.

I am a Junior Civil Project Engineer who specialises in the design of mining and minerals processing structures within the mining field, with an appetite for growth and building a firm profile within the Built Environment.

I'm also currently pursuing a Master of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of the Witwatersrand.

My Military Veteran parent is, Fikile Vincent Hints, Transkei Defence Force Military Veteran, PE.



The Department of Military Veterans' mandate is to ensure:

Greater socio-economic freedom for all military veterans.

“4000 Military Veterans and their dependents approved for education support on both tertiary and basic education for 2022.”

“ Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. ”



Ms Zanele Xala

Oakfields College

My name is Zanele Xala, I am the daughter of Ms Madawa Bekwa an uMkhonto weSizwe Military Veteran. I was born and raised in Gauteng, Pretoria. I am a kind, lively, creative and an outgoing person who enjoys Reading and writing.

I love meeting new people, and learning new different things. I am a 22 year old Film and Television Production graduate from Oakfields College.

What inspired me to go for the Tv industry is the thrill to create something/ tell stories that inspires us to get hold of an art form. It's probably typical in that I fell in love with the movies when

I was very young I was curious and it never went away, I enjoy being on set, being behind the scenes.

Having a subconscious mind that has always been good with visual storytelling, where it constantly creates a new world, edits our memories, and makes us a part of some other reality. Basically creating something and bringing it to life.

I started studying from 2020 and completed my Diploma in the year 2021, graduated 2022. My studies were funded by the Department of Military Veterans from Basic Education throughout to Tertiary Education.

I am overly appreciative of the role played by the department and would also like to encourage other DMV bursary recipients, to work hard and focus on their goals with this given opportunity.

I am recently unemployed but do freelance work, to gain more experience in preparation for the challenging Film and TV industry.

In closing, I believe that education is a way forward. It opens different channels A process of getting or giving systemic instruction especially at school or university.

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