16 Ukele Street Crimson Avenue Cape Town, South Africa 8th January, 2024

The Registrar North-West University University Street Potchefstroom 2520

Dear Sir/Madam,

Application for the Khumalo Trust Fund Bursary 2024

I am a second-year student at North-West University studying towards a B.sc in Genetics and Biotechnology. I would like to apply for your bursary for the third year (2024) of my degree as my financial circumstances have unfortunately changed recently.

My academic results at the end of my second year were as follows:

• Introduction to Genetics: A- (3.7)

• Enzymology II: A (4)

Practical Chemistry IV: B+ (3.3)
Metabolic Pathways I: A- (3.8)

Ever since I learned about genetics in my high school science class, I have been intrigued by the subject, specifically with the fact that genes can be modified to tackle many problems we have in either agriculture or medicine. This is what made me choose this course to study.

The generous support of my aunty has been of immense significance in my academic journey. She stepped in as my guardian and sponsor following the tragic loss of my parents when I was merely 10 years old. Regrettably, she encountered unforeseen financial challenges, and despite her best efforts, she is unable to fund my final year of study. This year, in a bad turn of events, my mentor and primary supporter, my uncle, passed away towards the end of May. While I have diligently saved a small sum, it is insufficient to cover the tuition expenses for my upcoming year of study. Your bursary would serve as the pivotal factor determining whether I can proceed with my education without disruption or face the necessity of pausing my studies to gather the necessary funds.

As someone who believes she can change the world, my education is extremely important to me as I can change the trajectory of different sectors of our society as a Biotechnologist. If you would kindly grant me the bursary, I can assure you of my continued commitment and best

efforts in my studies and the future. Thank you very much for this opportunity and for taking the time to read my bursary application.

Yours Sincerely
Signature
Amahle Nkosi