

OLDMUTUAL

THE OLD MUTUAL EDUCATION TRUST



DO GREAT THINGS EVERY DAY



THE OLD MUTUAL
EDUCATION TRUST



OUR PURPOSE

The Old Mutual Education Trust (OMET) is Old Mutual's expression of Caring for the Communities it serves. The Trust was established in 2005 as an empowerment vehicle between Old Mutual and 10 Trade Unions as business partners. The primary mandate of OMET is to support union members and their dependants to obtain a tertiary qualification, ultimately impacting their families, communities and the South African economy positively.



OUR VISION

To be a centre of excellence within the higher education student development space, contributing towards nurturing and empowering young people for the upliftment of communities and society.



OUR MISSION

To offer financial assistance and student development support to ensure the personal, academic and professional success of scholarship-holders.



OUR VALUES



CHAMPION THE CUSTOMER



THE POWER OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



AGILE INNOVATION THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE



ALWAYS ACT WITH INTEGRITY



RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER AND COMMUNITIES WE SERVE



TRUST AND ACCOUNTABILITY



OUR GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

OMET's Board is made up of a representative of each partner trade union, two representatives of Old Mutual and two independent trustees.



OUR INVESTMENT TO DATE



R173 million

invested in 400 university graduates since 2005

What does the scholarship offer?

A holistic student support programme focused on academic success, psychological / emotional well-being and preparation for the world of work.



Funding & Equipment

Partial scholarships
Laptops
Historic debt cover



Academic Support

Peer buddy programme
Mentoring programme
Tutoring services
Academic Development workshops



Professional development

Work readiness
Mentorship
Job seeking skills & resources



Personal Development

Access to psychological support services
Financial wellbeing
Mentorship

SUMMARY OF OMET STUDENT SUPPORT MODEL



The three key stakeholders in an OMET student's support system:

▶ **Student Support Officer**
The Student Support Officer is the student's key supportive contact.

▶ **Senior Student Peer Buddy**
The Senior Student Peer Buddy is an on-campus support presence first-year students .

▶ **Alumni Mentor**
The Alumni Mentor supports final-year students to transition into a postgraduate strategy



In addition, students benefit from the following support initiatives:



Orientation camp

An orientation camp to introduce students to OMET's support model



Workshops

A series of relevant thematic workshops to equip students with academic, personal and professional development skills



Tutoring services

Tutoring services for additional academic support



Counseling services

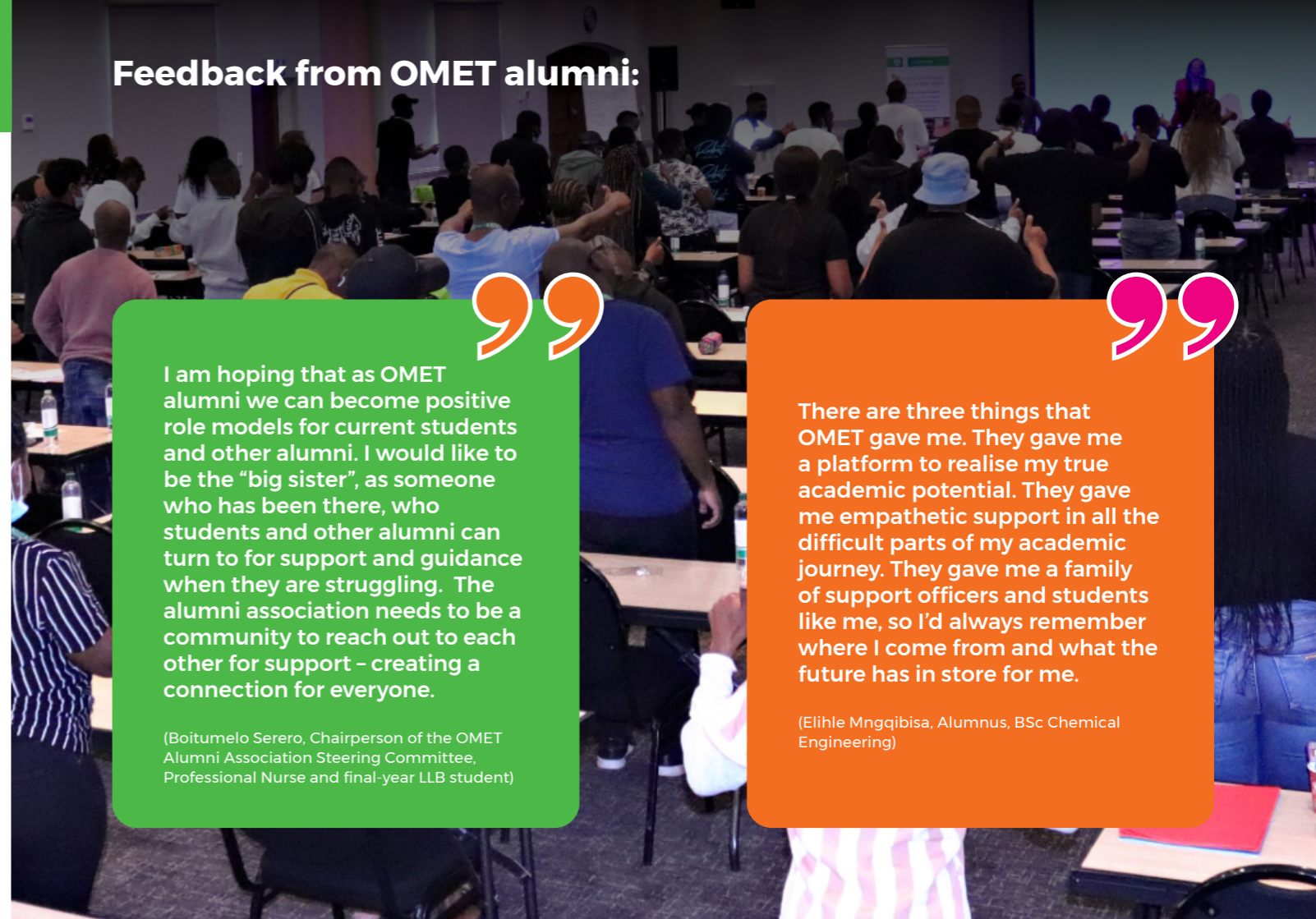
Counselling services to support students' psychological health



Alumni Programme

An Alumni Programme supporting graduates to continue as mentors and motivators to current students

Feedback from OMET alumni:



I am hoping that as OMET alumni we can become positive role models for current students and other alumni. I would like to be the "big sister", as someone who has been there, who students and other alumni can turn to for support and guidance when they are struggling. The alumni association needs to be a community to reach out to each other for support - creating a connection for everyone.

(Boitumelo Serero, Chairperson of the OMET Alumni Association Steering Committee, Professional Nurse and final-year LLB student)

There are three things that OMET gave me. They gave me a platform to realise my true academic potential. They gave me empathetic support in all the difficult parts of my academic journey. They gave me a family of support officers and students like me, so I'd always remember where I come from and what the future has in store for me.

(Elihle Mngqibisa, Alumna, BSc Chemical Engineering)

Who may apply?

You are eligible for this scholarship if:

- you are a paid-up member or full-time and permanent employee of one of the above listed trade unions; or
- you are the spouse (as legally defined) of a paid-up member or fulltime and permanent employee of one of the trade unions; or
- you are a child dependant (includes adopted child, stepchild, grandchild), younger than 25 years of age, of a paid up member or fulltime and permanent employee of one of the trade unions; and
- you intend to pursue your studies at an official public university in South Africa; and
- you are studying towards your first undergraduate degree (i.e. certificate, diploma and first degree level); and
- you are a South African citizen (valid Identity Document)

The Selection Process

The selection process is based on academic ranking. The selection committee is comprised of 4 representatives of the higher education sector who audit and verify the process. Final approval for the scholarships is granted by the OMET Board.

CONTACT DETAILS

For more information about the scholarship programme and to request an application form, contact Gabeba Gaidien at

OMETApplications@oldmutual.com

or visit our webpage at

oldmutual.co.za/careers/old-mutual-education-trust/

