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Bantu Normal college,

P.O. Eerste Fabriek.

5<sup>th</sup> October, 1954.

Mr. Ngakane (Secretary)

P.O. Box 97

Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of last week was heartily welcomed especially that it contained a cheque of £10 (ten pounds). Not realising that it is a crossed cheque I rushed to the bank where I was told to change it somewhere first.

I tried a shop-keeper who informed me that because there was an alteration made with the spelling of my name, the man who signed it - the treasurer, should "initial" it under the misspelled letter or word. He emphasised the point that "the bank is very strict with cheques." So far I haven't succeeded in changing it, but I must get ~~a~~ means ~~to~~ changing it.

If I fail totally I will send it to you sir for the "initial". Besides<sup>that,</sup> I am extremely thankful for the unforeseen help I received from the Institute of Race Relations. As I have told you, I was really in a difficult position.

Yours very sincerely  
Charles Mphahlele.

# BANTU WELFARE TRUST

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P.O. BOX 97 1331,

JOHANNESBURG

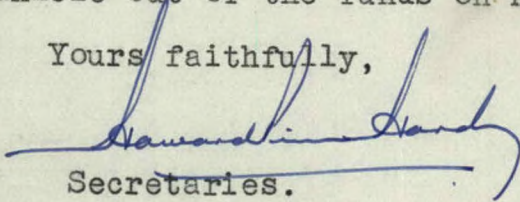
The Secretaries,  
Bantu Welfare Trust,  
P.O.Box 97,  
Johannesburg.

Dear Sirs,

re: Application for a Bursary  
Mr. Charles Mphahlele.

In response to your letter of the 21st September we have pleasure in enclosing a cheque for £10.0.0. to be handed to Mr.Charles Mphahlele out of the funds on hand.

Yours faithfully,

  
Secretaries.

Enclosure:

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Bantu Normal college,  
P.O. Eerste fabriek,  
Pretoria.

12<sup>th</sup> September, '54.

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Bantu Welfare Trust,  
P.O. Box 97

Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> Sept., which brought a hope to be fulfilled in due course. I was extremely happy and consoled to hear that the Welfare Trust has already agreed to make me a grant of £10 which I so much need especially at this time of the year when the school life becomes very expensive and burdensome because of examinations and the like.

So far I failed to get a single penny in my attempts. Besides that, I didn't know many sources from where I could apply for financial assistance.

Hoping to receive the cheque,

yours very sincerely  
M.C. Mphahlele

9th September, 1954.

Mr. Charles Mphahlele,  
Bantu Normal College,  
P.O. Eerste Fabrieke,  
PRETORIA.

Dear Mr. Mphahlele,

re: Application for a grant

With further reference to the above subject and to your letter dated 30th August, I have pleasure in informing you that the trustees of the Bantu Welfare Trust have agreed to make you a grant of £10 (Ten Pounds), and that a cheque for the amount will be forwarded to you in due course.

If you have already obtained assistance from other sources, please let me know immediately, as, then, we might be able to assist some other student whose circumstances are similar to yours.

Yours faithfully,

W.B. Ngakane (Asst. Secy.)  
pp. Bantu Welfare Trust,  
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Secretaries.

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who asked for financial aid ✓

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Bantu Normal College  
P.O. Eerste Fabriek  
Pretoria

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30<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1954

P.O. Box 97

Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> August, was received and well understood. From that date till today I have tried centres, persons and means of getting money but I have failed.

As you have promised to discuss my requirements with certain Pretoria persons, I hope you will be in a position to tell me what they said about it. Everybody who is needy usually hope the best so that he may not be discouraged.

I belong to Methodist Church, as you have requested me to inform you about Church business. My Church is not very sympathetic when it comes to money; and I don't think you will succeed Sir. In any case to try is far better than just to sit back.

Even if, you, Sir fail to get the money, I will very much well come and appreciate of any advice on your part.

yours faithfully,  
Charles Mphahlele.

*Charles*

Ref. No. D/E/4/1

18th August, 1954

Mr. Charles M. Mphahlele,  
c/o Bantu Normal College,  
P.O. Eerste Fabrieke,  
PRETORIA.

Dear Mr. Mphahlele,

Thank you for your letter of August 12th. I am very sorry to have to tell you that we cannot help you, because our Institute has no money for the purpose of assisting students. However, I shall discuss your requirements with certain Pretoria persons and see whether the money which you require cannot be found. In the meantime you should yourself try to find it from some other source. I do hope you will be successful. If you are, do let me know immediately.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

F.J. van Wyk,  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

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Nashop jawa.*

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Bantu Normal College  
P.O. eerste fabriek

Pretoria

12<sup>th</sup> August, '54

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Mr. van Wyk,  
21 Siemens str.,  
Braamfontein.

Dear Sir,

It is out of distress and financial embarrassment that I write this letter to you. I interviewed my ex-principal, Mr. Nakene of Orlando High School, about this matter and he referred me to you Sir, that you may be helpful to me. I need money for books and examination fee but at the moment I am unable to get it.

If my request can meet your favourable consideration, I can safely direct you to Mr. Nakene, for testimonials, conduct, intelligence, and all the particulars about me.

My exam. fee this year is £10..12-6 but I request for any amount. As long as it is money I will rejoice because some kind man may supplement it. If Sir, you definitely cannot do anything about it, because reply me in time so that I should think out what next to do.

Yours faithfully

Charles M. Maphahlele.

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21st October, 1954.

The Repatriation Officer,  
Native Commissioner's Office,  
Carr Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

RE: IENA.

Bearer has lived in Johannesburg for a number of years and is residing in Pinville at present. About a year ago just before she gave birth to the child she is suckling, her husband deserted her and left her stranded with four young children to look after.

For a little while members of her church helped to pay her rent of £1.5.0 per month and gave her parcels of food but quite justifiably they could not continue this charity indefinitely and she has now been left to her own resources.

A few days ago she was found starving in the street by a member of the Institute and asked to come to me for help. I have spoken to her and pointed out that with four children it is going to be most difficult for her to find employment. No employer will allow her to bring her family to live on his premises and few people will be willing to look after her children while she is in employment.

She has agreed with me that her best course in these circumstances, is to return to her home in Queenstown and is willing to be repatriated.

I shall be most grateful if you will assist her by sending her to Queenstown together with her children, and, should this be possible, by giving her a small ration pending arrangements for her departure. This is a desperate case.

Yours faithfully,

W. B. Ngakane,  
FIELD OFFICER.



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