



Give to NF and help create an opportunity for an unemployed young person to obtain a qualification and secure employment in the Automotive sector (See how below)

NF and G & T Autobody partner to qualify a female panel beater

For the first time in the history of NF Apprentices a female panel beating apprentices has been placed and will be registered to embark on a four year journey that will see, Agnes Mahumani qualify as a panel beater Artisan. She is a 25 year old electrical engineering graduate who discovered her love for cars and made a deliberate decision to follow after it.



The Automotive industry is fast-paced and very challenging, and for most part it is dominated by men. However in past years we have seen many women challenge the game and occupy high profile positions to make a great difference in this industry.

Due to the fast-growing demand of artisans in the automotive industry, NF Apprentices has committed to partner with Auto Body repair shops in South Africa and help develop ordinary young people into leaders

in the motor industry. We recently partnered with G & T Autobody, owned by Thembi Sithole who is also passionate about the development of the motor industry and youth in South Africa.

Her success story has inspired many women in many other industries and she has also committed to take on the challenge of developing Agnes into a qualified panel beater by 2021. Her 4 year apprenticeship will see her being taught and later tested both theoretically and practically to earn her her dream qualification.

We are so grateful to have strong women like Thembi who are passionate about learning and development and have also invested financially to help young women in South Africa reach their highest potential and wish them all the best.



Apprentices showcase their talent



NF Apprentices in collaboration with BASF, Autobody Specialists and Dr Thabo Mosala, hosted the annual Personal branding workshop and the highly competitive “Dr Mosala and Autobody Specialists Skills Competition on the 8th December 2018, at the BASFRCC centre in Midrand.

The workshop purposes to prepare the apprentices for the corporate world and also encourage them to conduct themselves in a way that will make them competitive employees when they complete the apprenticeship. Apprentices face a bigger challenge of presenting themselves to new employers after they have qualified as artisans. Moreover, the journey to acquiring the qualification is filled with so many challenges and tests, which means that the apprentices need all the support available to make it through their journey.

Hence, we organised speakers to motivate the apprentices with knowledge on how to be consistently behave in disciplined and respectable manner and to also be emotionally intelligent when approaching different obstacles daily.

The speakers on the day were Wayne Brandon from BASF, Dr Thabo Mosala, Thembi Sithole, owner of G & T Autobody and Henry Mbhi, from Sci-Bono Discovery centre. All the speakers spoke about personal branding as a topic but came in from different angle so as to give the apprentices advice on different situations they may be facing.

The day was ended on a high note when all the apprentices were grouped 5 groups and competed in a skills competition for the grand prize of R 10.000.00 generously donated by Dr Thabo Mosala and Mr Eddie Da Silva. The apprentices in their different groups where a question sheet with 20 questions related to their trades and then followed by door panels with similar dents to fix. The panel beating apprentices started first by repairing the door and handed it over to the eager spray painters who continued with preparation and painting. From the 5 groups competing, only three teams were winners on the day and they shared the grand prize. The winners of the 2018 competition team Gucci, walked away with R5000, and the competition runner ups Cool Artisans and Epic 3, walked away with

R3000 and R2000 respectively. Thank you to all of our partners for the consistent support given to the apprentices.

How can you make a difference?

NF is a non-profit organisation and is therefore dependant on funding from foundations, body shops and partners in the industry.

You can:

1. Make a donation

Make a Socio-Economic Development (SED) donation to NF Apprentices, a registered Non-Profit Company and earn BBBEE points. Contact us on (011) 805 3867 for more information

2. Sponsor an Individual Apprentice

Sponsor individual apprentices recruited and placed by NF Apprentices at one of our qualified partner repair shops. This is a great investment that will ensure a young person is given an opportunity at a brighter future.

3. Become an NF Partner Shop

Repair Shops are invited to sign up with NF Apprentices. In order to qualify as an NF Partner Shop, a shop needs to be Merseta Workplace Approved and have at least one qualified Spray Painter and Auto Body Repairer. Partner Shops will be required to contribute towards the apprentice's training needs as per Merseta requirements.

We also work closely with mentors, workshop managers and support staff to ensure the proper facilitation of the apprenticeship programme.

To enquire about getting involved, contact us today on info@nf.org.za, or call us on (011) 805 3867. You can also visit our website on www.nf.org.za for more information.

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