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Gill thankful to DWS for a bursary to pursue his studies

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Young, hardworking and determined Northern Cape youth, Rasego Lobogang Gill, always dreamt of becoming a civil engineer one day.

Gill, who is from Jan Kempdorp, says there is hardly a single black person he knows in his home town who has this profession.

He is the son of Elliott and Stella Gill who are both teachers. "I have one sibling - an older sister," he notes.

Gill explains that he was inspired to further his education by the high rate of illiteracy and unemployment in his home town. He adds: "I especially chose civil engineering, not only because it is my passion, but as means to also inspire the youth of my province. I talked to my parents to allow me to follow my heart and choose civil engineering as a career".

The excited Gill says he is delighted that his parents understood "my reasoning". Having received a bursary from DWS, he says there is nothing stopping him now from realising his dream. He adds that his real ambition is to engage in water programmes as part of his career essentials."

Gill stressed that many people do not understand that water is life. He believes there would be nothing living on earth if the resource was not available.

He applied for this bursary when the Vaalharts Water Scheme officials visited his community to inform them about the bursary schemes available for those interested in advancing their careers through water projects.

"These officials were very emphatic that we should not miss this opportunity. When one of them remarked about a lack of black engineers working in institutions like theirs, I got inspired and vowed to seize this opportunity." explains Gill.

He further notes that applying for this bursary was a first step towards fulfilling his dream.

Gill is studying for a Bachelor of Technology in Civil Engineering through a bursary from the Department of Water and Sanitation, at Tshwane University of Technology.

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