

# **R1.4 billion set aside by Nsfas**

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) has set aside a total of R1.4 billion to pay institutions upfront at the beginning of 2016 academic year.

The NSFAS said the money will ensure that students who qualify for NSFAS funding don't have to pay upfront registration fees, as was recommended by the Presidency.

The Presidential Task Team on short-term funding challenges at universities recommended that all students who qualify for NSFAS should be assisted with upfront payment.

"NSFAS, working with the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), has confirmed the financial allocation for 2016/17 financial year to 26 universities. All Vice-Chancellors have received letters of confirmation outlining amount for each funding category – DHET General Funding; DHET Teacher training; DHET Final Year Funding; and DHET Disability Funding.

"National Skills Fund allocations have also been finalised as sent to universities. Administrative Guidelines on Funding will be communicated to all institution to ensure that rules pertaining to financial eligibility of students for NSFAS are applied consistently," said NSFAS national spokesperson, Kagisho Mamabolo.

Mamabolo said NSFAS technical teams made-up of support staff will be dispatched to all universities to provide support to the financial aid offices to ensure a smooth registration process.

"NSFAS will work closely with all its key stakeholders across the higher education sector to ensure the implementation of

all the recommendations made by the task team,” said Mamabolo.

NSFAS also thanked President Jacob Zuma, government and the presidential task team for the intervention and continued support.

“These achievements are remarkable and represent a major success in terms of government’s redress agenda.”

Since its inception in 1999, NSFAS continues to make a positive contribution in the lives of many South Africans in the post-school education and training sector.

To date, the scheme has assisted 1.5 million students over the years and has disbursed over R50 billion in bursaries and loans since its inception.

The significant growth of the scheme has been made possible by partnerships with other funders, institutions of higher learning, SETAs and other entities that support equal education opportunities for poor and working class households in South Africa. – SAnews.gov.za

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## **Mercedes Benz: Bursary / Scholarship Programme 2016**

**Closing Date: 22 January 2016**

Get a head-start into the world of work by participating in the Mercedes-Benz Bursary Programme, and transport your career with one of the world’s most successful automotive companies. The Programme aims to harness outstanding achievers at Grade 12 and Tertiary levels into our fold of growing Talent, by offering the participant financial aid for studies as well as

experiential learning.

### **Why a Mercedes-Benz Bursary?**

- Tuition fees, meals and textbooks are paid for\*
- Work at Mercedes-Benz, Pretoria Head office during your vacations\*
- Join the MBSA Graduate Development programme after studying\*

### **Conditions Apply\***

#### **who can apply**

- South African citizens, or permanent residents
- Grade 12 learners
- Students enrolled for, or currently pursuing, full-time studies (1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th year students may apply)
- anyone studying ( or intending to study in):
  - Engineering (Mechanical & Industrial)
  - Human Resources
  - Logistics
  - Procurement/Purchasing
  - Commerce
  - IT
  - Communications

### **Other Important information**

- Closing date for entries is 22 January 2016
- Late and incomplete applications will not be considered

**NB: LATE & INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!!!**

### **Skills**

**Verbal Communication Skills**

**Experience N/A**

## Education

### What are the criteria?

- Excellent Grade 12 results with 70% and above in Mathematics, English, Physical Science (or Accounting Stream)
- Maintenance of excellent Tertiary Results, average of 65%

### How to Apply

[Apply Online for the Mercedes Benz Bursary / Scholarship Programme](#)

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# Final call for 2016 applications for NSFAS funding

Grade 12 learners and students wishing to apply for financial assistance to study at any of the selected public universities and TVET colleges in the 2016 academic year have until 30 November 2015 to submit their applications.

Online applications are only limited to students applying to study at the following selected institutions:

- Durban University of Technology
- Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
- University of Venda
- Sol Plaatjie University
- University of Mpumalanga
- King Hintsa TVET College
- Motheo TVET College

- Umfolozi TVET College
- South Cape TVET College
- Ekurhuleni East College

The applications for financial assistance are only open to learners/ students from poor and working class families who cannot afford to pay for their studies.

This may include eligible students who were not funded by NSFAS in the 2015 academic year and those who were not funded in the previous years.

NSFAS opened online applications at the beginning of August 2015 to give applicants adequate time to submit their applications early.

This period allows NSFAS to directly receive applications, process them and award funding to eligible students using the new funding model.

More than 30 582 online applications were received since the beginning of the application period and a significant number of applications have been processed thus far.

NSFAS will communicate with all applicants via SMS or email as soon as 2015 Matric results are released. Applicants can also contact NSFAS directly through the Contact Centre on 0860067327 or [info@nsfas.org.za](mailto:info@nsfas.org.za) for further assistance.

Source: [GOV](#)

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# AfriSam: Bursary / Scholarship Programme 2016

**Closing Date: 27 November 2015**

AfriSam (Pty) Ltd is one of the most widely spread Cement, Aggregate and Readymix Groups in the Southern African region. To ensure the continued success of our business, our bursary scheme is meant to provide financial support to registered undergraduate students who are currently at a recognised South African University. We are offering bursary opportunities and inviting the following talented and high performing full-time students to apply in one of the following qualifications:

<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Completion Year</b>
Bsc Eng (Electrical Engineering)	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2016-19
Bsc Eng (Mechanical Engineering)	1 <sup>st</sup> ,2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2016-19
Bsc Eng(Chemical Engineering)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2016
BSc Eng (Mining)	3rd	2016
Bsc Eng (Civil Engineering)	2nd	2017
Bsc Hons(Geology)	2nd	2017
BSc Environmental Science	3rd	2016
BSc Computer Science / BCom Informatics degree)	2nd	2017

Students with an excellent track record (minimum 65% average

in academic results) and who are in need of financial assistance are invited to apply.

*Turn your ambition into reality by partnering with a company that builds a future of limitless possibility..*

### **How to apply**

Applications must consist of a completed letter of application, CV, certified copy of ID as well as latest academic results. **All applications can be e-mailed to [HRLD@za.afrisam.com](mailto:HRLD@za.afrisam.com)**

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# **SOCIAL WORK SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2016**

Application Closing date	30 October 2015
Introduction	

As part of the recruitment and retention strategy and initiative to address critical and scarce skills in the sector, the National Department of Social Development is hereby making a scholarship available in the field of Social Work.

Applications are open to current Social Work students as well as prospective students who would like to enroll for a Social Work Degree. Students who are currently holders of a National Department of Social Development Scholarship do not have to apply.

The Scholarship will cover Registration, Tuition, Prescribed books, stipend for practical's and official accommodation provided by the University (ONLY ACCOMODATION, WHICH HAS BEEN CONTRACTED BY THE RELEVANT UNIVERSITY MIGHT BE CONSIDERED).

The applicant must: Be a South African Citizen, New applicants must comply with the entry requirements set by the University and provide proof of admission by the University or a proof of payment for admission.

Fully and correctly complete the scholarship application form which is obtainable from the Social Work faculty at the University or from the Provincial Departments of Social Development (See contact details below).

Attach the following documentation such as a CV, certified copies of grade 12 results, Academic Record, your Identity Document, your parents or legal guardian identity document and their proof of income.

Be prepared to enter into an agreement for counter service with the Department of Social Development.

Remember: THE STUDENT SHOULD STILL APPLY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HIS/HER CHOICE TO REQUEST ADMISSION.

NB: FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE ALSO CONTACT Ms Vuyelwa Mngadi at (012) 312 7294 or email: VuyelwaM@dsd.gov.za or Ms Kefiloe Fokase at (012) 312 7223 or email: KefiloeB@dsd.gov.za. VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Due to limited budget, the Department will in certain instances not be in position to accommodate every applicant.

Students are therefore advised to explore other financial assistance from institutions like the National Students Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS). NSFAS offices are located within the universities' premises. For more information on the Scheme please contact them at (021) 763 3200 or contact the Department of Higher Education & Training at (012) 312 5911.



## Requirements

WHAT DOCUMENTATION MUST I ATTACH TO MY APPLICATION?

NEW APPLICANTS

- Certified copy of Grade 12 results
- Certified copy of Identity Document of applicant
- Certified copy of ID and Proof of income of Parent/ Guardian
- Current first year students/Prospective students in Social Work who need to undergo a selection process as prescribed by the University must provide proof that they have been selected to continue with their studies. (proof of admission by the University/proof of payment for admission)
- Certified copy of Identity Document of applicant
- Certified copy of Academic record on the official letterhead of the University

If the above documentation is not attached to your application form then your application will not be considered

Apply via email at [VuyelwaM@dسد.gov.za](mailto:VuyelwaM@dسد.gov.za)

# **Eskom: Bursary / Scholarship Programme 2015 / 2016**

Closing Date: 31 July 2015

**Universities**

- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Electronic Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- Industrial Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
  - Accounting
  - Supply Chain
    - IT
  - Computer Engineering
- Metallurgical Engineering
  - Chemical Engineering
  - Nuclear Engineering

### **Technikons**

- Electrical Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
  - Metallurgy
  - Safety and Risk
- Environmental Science

### **Further Education & Training (FET)**

- Boiler Makers
- Control & Instrumentation
  - Electricians
- Fitters & Turners
  - Mechanical
  - Millwrights
    - Welders
  - Plumbers
- Bricklayers
- Carpenters

### **Criteria**

Individuals legible to apply must meet the following

requirements:-

- Applicants must be South African citizens with a valid ID number
- National Senior Certificate or equivalent
- Written proof of acceptance for admission by higher education institution
- Applicants must be for full time studies at an accredited South African institution
- Applicants must be willing to undergo an interview and medical examination or health declaration

Students to study at the **University**

<b>Subjects***</b>
<b>English</b>
<b>Physical Science</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>

*\*\*\*HG (C) or 5*

Students to study at the **Technikons/University of technology**

<b>Subjects**</b>
<b>English</b>
<b>Physical Science</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>

*\*\*HG (D) or SG (C) or 4*

Students to study at the **Further Education and Training (FET)**

<b>Subjects*</b>
<b>English</b>
<b>Physical Science</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>

*\*HG (E) or SG (D) or 3*

## **Applicants that are already at Higher institution:**

The applicant must have **passed all** their registered subjects in that current year

## **Apply now**

All scholarship bursaries should be sent to the below address and also be sent to the nearest Eskom office's post box:

Student Development Department  
PO BOX 1091  
JOHANNESBURG  
2001

or hand deliver:

Could be delivered to the nearest Eskom offices and also to the below address:

MEGAWATT PARK  
Maxwell Drive  
Sunninghill  
Sandton

**[Download Eskom Bursary Application Form](#)** and submit with the following documents:

- Letter motivating their application (affidavit to certifying the content)
  - ID Copy
  - Latest school/university results
  - Proof of registration to the institution
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# Transnet Bursary Scheme

Application Closing date	Not specified
<b>Introduction</b>	

Bursary Office Address: Physical Address: Room 4206 Carlton Centre,  
150 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg

Full-time bursaries are awarded annually according to the employment needs of the company. All our full-time students are viewed as potential employees – depending on vacancies being available after successfully completing their qualifications.

Bursary Value: The comprehensive bursary, covers the following:

- Tuition fees
- Accommodation and meals
- Book Allowance
- Experiential training

Students are allowed to study at a South African University of their own choice who offers the relevant fields of study.

Fields of Study This list may vary depending on the needs of the company: B. Engineering Industrial (Ref no: 60000173)

Mechatronic (Ref no: 60000174)

Electrical (heavy current) (Ref no: 60000167)

Metallurgy (physical) (Ref no: 60000170)

Electronic (Ref no: 60000171)

Mechanical (Ref no: 60000169)

Civil (Ref no: 60000175)

What will Transnet expect from me? (Contractual Obligations)

Students are required to render one years service for every year of financial aid received from Transnet after acquiring the qualification.

Subjects failed must be repeated at student's own cost. Termination of the bursary will be in consultation with the student and the training institution. If the student fails to comply with the requirements of the bursary agreement, the bursary becomes payable in terms of the agreement. The bursary will be renewed annually if the student's academic performance is satisfactory.

Vacation work is available during June/July or December/January holidays. The following information must be supplied. Required period, Preferred location, Accommodation arrangements are the student's responsibility and must be paid for by the student with the allowance received.

Work Integrated Learning

University of Technology Students: Transnet provides work integrated to students who have a completed S4 in-order to obtain the qualification in line with the requirements set by the training institution.

## Requirements

Selection: After the screening of applications by the Transnet Bursary Department, candidates – based on academic performance on secondary or tertiary level – will be invited to be interviewed. The interviews will take place in Johannesburg, Bloemfontein, Cape Town and Durban. The final selection and award is subjective to the following: Interview\_\_ Satisfactory academic results\_\_ Medical fitness\_\_ NB: Please CLICK on the “APPLY NOW” button in order to download the bursary application form

[Download application form now](#)

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# NSFAS BURSARY PROGRAMME

## Student loans for university students

NSFAS assists students who have the academic potential to succeed at university and who qualify in terms of the NSFAS Means Test for financial aid.

### What is a student loan?

A student loan is the money you borrow from NSFAS to cover the costs of your studies at any of the 25 public universities in South Africa. The costs include tuition fees, residence or private accommodation costs, food, books and travel. This loan must be repaid to NSFAS when you have finished studying. Depending on your results, up to 40% of your NSFAS study loan may be converted into a bursary and you do not need to repay that amount.

NSFAS has very reasonable [repayment](#) terms, which are based on what you earn after you leave university. All loans that are repaid are used to fund other students who also need financial assistance.

NSFAS gives loans to students without the need for guarantees or sureties from parents or guardians.

To apply for a NSFAS study loan you can apply at the [institution](#) or [online](#) directly to NSFAS and fill in the application form.

You can also print out the form and fill it in, then send it to NSFAS by post to this address:

NSFAS  
Private Bag X4  
Plumstead  
7801  
Cape Town

### **What documents do I need when I apply?**

When you apply for a NSFAS student loan, you must attach all the documents listed below:

1. Grade 12 Certificate.
2. South African Identity Document.
3. Proof of parents' income.
4. Proof of registration at school, college or university of brothers and sisters who live in the same household.
5. Proof of registration can be obtained at the institutions where your brothers and sisters are registered at.
6. Certified copies of their Birth Certificates and their Identity Documents.
7. If you have a permanent disability, a letter from your



doctor to confirm proof of disability.

8. Letter of acceptance from the public university or college where you have applied to study.

For a complete list of all the required documents required when you apply for a NSFAS bursary or loan, [click here](#).

### **How do I repay the student loan?**

NSFAS student loans are income-contingent. This means that repayment starts only when you have an income, usually when you start working. NSFAS will send you statements showing how much you owe and how much you must pay back each month.

It is your legal responsibility to keep in touch with NSFAS and to inform us of any change of address.

### **How are repayments calculated?**

NSFAS has made repayments affordable for you. Repayments of your student loan are based on the salary that you earn, and start once your salary is R30 000 or more per year.

Payments start at 3% of your annual salary, increasing to a maximum of 8% when your salary reaches R59 300 or more per year. For example, this means you will pay back R900 a year on a salary of R30 000 a year, or R84 per month.

When your salary is R59 300 you will pay back R4 744 a year or R696 a month. NSFAS charges lower interest rates than banks. Interest is charged at 80% of the repo rate, which is the repurchase rate at which the Reserve Bank lends to commercial banks. NSFAS will continue to charge interest on all outstanding balances. It is therefore very important to

start [repaying](#) your loan as soon as possible.

### **How will I repay the loan if I am unemployed or still studying?**

You do not have to repay if you are unemployed or still studying, but you do have to provide written proof (in the form of an affidavit, valid for 3 months) to say that you are unemployed.

Please stay in contact with us and make sure that information such as your employment status and your personal details, including address and cellphone numbers, are up to date.

### **Does NSFAS pay registration costs for first-year and returning students?**

Yes, but only for students where the Expected Family Contribution is 0 on the Means Test.

### **How is part of a NSFAS loan converted into a bursary that does not have to be repaid?**

Up to 40% of your student loan may be converted into a bursary and does not have to be repaid, depending on your year-end results. NSFAS checks these results with the university at the end of every year of study.

### **Final Year Programme**

Students in their final year of study, who will qualify to graduate at the end of the year, are eligible to be funded through the Final Year Programme. This is a special funding programme which was launched by the President in 2011. If you graduate in your final year, the loan is converted to a 100%

bursary. Students can only benefit from the Final Year Programme once.

### **How do these bursary conversions show on NSFAS accounts?**

Bursary rebates and your credit balance appear on your statement when NSFAS receives your academic results and refunds from the university. This takes place at the end of the NSFAS financial year in April.

Your academic results are used to calculate any bursary rebates: for example, 40% of your student loan will be converted into a bursary if you pass all courses; if you pass half of your courses, then 20% of the student loan will be converted into a bursary. If you don't pass any courses, you will not receive any bursary rebate for that academic year and you will have to repay 100% of your student loan.

### **What happens to any money left over from my NSFAS student loan?**

Money left over from a NSFAS study loan is never paid out to you. The money is deducted from the balance you owe. You will not have to pay interest on it, and NSFAS will have more funds to help other students like you. Funds paid back to NSFAS are used as your first repayment of your student loan.

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# **NYDA BURSARY OR SCHOLARSHIP**

# 2015

**Deadline for new applications is 23 January 2015.**

**Closing Date:** 23 January 2015

The Scholarship Fund provides financial support to young people who have been

accepted to pursue full-time degrees in courses that fall within the priority

growth sectors and critical and scarce skills areas as outlined in the labour

planning frameworks of the country.

The Scholarship Fund, which the NYDA is striving to make the biggest

on the continent, will benefit deserving South African youth who meet the

minimum entry requirements set by the NYDA – youth who have been

admitted for study at Universities and Universities of Technology and

Further Education and Training Colleges across the country.

International scholarships will be considered if they have been endorsed

by a South African government department or a credible public or private agency.

The Scholarship Fund covers 100% costs of the student's studies,

including tuition, books, meals and accommodation.

The Solomon Mahlangu Scholarship Fund is in honour of the late struggle icon,

Solomon Kalushi Mahlangu, a young member of Umkhonto Wesizwe who was

wrongfully arrested and in 1979, aged 23, executed under apartheid laws.

**Students who will be considered for the scholarship are those who have been accepted to register in the following fields of study:**

- Information Technology
- Law
- Tourism
- Geology
- Logistics
- Pharmacy
- Journalism
- Agriculture
- Engineering
- Development Studies
- Supply Chain Management

## How To Apply

Applications are to be made directly to the participating

University / University of Technology which has full responsibility for receiving,

processing applications and selecting recipients.

[Download Application Form 2015 for University Studies](#) OR

[Download Application Form 2015 for FET Studies](#)

are available on the NYDA website and all NYDA branches.

The deadline for new applications is 23 January 2015.

Applications to FET Colleges must be submitted directly to NYDA

for the attention of **Mr Sihle Mlaba, 11 Broadwalk Avenue,**

**Halfway House Midrand, 1683** or e-mailed to: [scholarships@nyda.gov.za](mailto:scholarships@nyda.gov.za)

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**CLOSING DATE :31 OCTOBER 2013**

Apply via email at [VuyelwaM@dtd.gov.za](mailto:VuyelwaM@dtd.gov.za)