

INSTANT INFO: UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES 2021

INTRODUCTION

The aim of the North-West University bursary and loan scheme is to provide financial aid (subject to specific guidelines) to students who wish to participate actively in creating a stimulating climate at the University on the basis of their academic, leadership, arts and culture as well as sport achievements.

NOTE THAT THE UNIVERSITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO, WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE, AMEND ANY TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AMOUNTS AS WELL AS ALLOCATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE BURSARY AND LOANS COMMITTEE.

ALL BURSARIES ARE AWARDED ONLY FOR THE OBTAINING OF A FIRST QUALIFICATION WHICH MUST BE OBTAINED WITHIN THE MINIMUM PERIOD OF THE QUALIFICATION REGISTERED FOR IN THE FIRST YEAR (3 OR 4 YEARS). SHOULD THE STUDENT CHANGE FIELD OF STUDY, THIS CONDITION WITH REGARD TO THE INITIAL QUALIFICATION'S MINIMUM PERIOD OF STUDY, CONTINUES TO APPLY.

PLEASE NOTE:

The NSFAS (National Student Financial Aid Scheme) policy prohibits the allocation of any/all other bursaries to students who are fully covered by NSFAS. In other words, students who receive full funding for registration, tuition, books, meals and accommodation, are prohibited from receiving funds from either University funds or any other source. NWU must adhere to the NSFAS policy and thus no NSFAS approved student will be eligible to receive ANY of the bursaries listed below.

SECTION A: ACADEMIC MERIT BURSARIES

FIRST-YEAR ACADEMIC MERIT BURSARY

These bursaries are awarded **AUTOMATICALLY** to all full-time first-year students who:

- Completed Grade 12 in the **previous year**.
- Register at the NWU for the first time after completing Grade 12, for a first undergraduate qualification.
- Obtained an average of 75% or higher (calculated by using FSS regulations) during the Grade 12 final examination.
- Merit bursaries are calculated on the matric results that the university receives from the Department of Education in January.
- The bursary is awarded on account of the student's true average obtained.

Calculate as follows: Life Orientation is disregarded. Add the percentages of the six subjects with the highest marks and divide by six to calculate the true average. **No** marks will be rounded off.

Student's average percentage	Merit bursary for full-time first-years
85 – 100%	100% of tuition fees
80 - 84%	75% of tuition fees
75 - 79%	25% of tuition fees

- ❖ **Students who did not matriculate via the South African school system, must apply for the merit bursary, on the merit bursary application form, and must attach official final results. This includes Cambridge and Namibian students. These bursaries will be evaluated individually and allocations paid manually, during April.**

SENIOR ACADEMIC MERIT BURSARY

**Allocations as indicated below is applicable for the 2021 academic year only.
Allocations will be reviewed for the 2022 academic year.**

- Academic merit bursaries to senior students (2nd, 3rd and 4th year) are awarded **AUTOMATICALLY** to **FULL-TIME** students who are registered for a first undergraduate qualification.
- Part-time senior students registered for the full curriculum and who comply with the bursary conditions, must **APPLY ANNUALLY** for the bursary, and qualify for 50% of the normal allocation as set out below.
- To qualify, a student should have passed ALL the modules in the preceding year AND obtained an overall average of at least 75%. To calculate the average, add the percentages of the major- and ancillary modules (additional modules disregarded) and divide by the number of modules. **No** marks will be rounded off. This bursary is only applicable for the minimum period of the qualification registered for in the first year (namely 3 or 4 years). No allocations are made on account of distinctions, only on account of the average obtained in the previous year of study. Once the average has been calculated, the allocation is determined.

Student's Average percentage	Merit bursary for full-time students
85 – 100%	50% off tuition fees
80 – 84%	40% off tuition fees
75 – 79%	30% off tuition fees

- ❖ **FULL-TIME students get the merit bursary *AUTOMATICALLY* - DO NOT APPLY!**

- ❖ **PART-TIME-CONTACT students MUST APPLY ANNUALLY!**
- ❖ **DISTANCE LEARNING students do not qualify for these and/or any other bursaries.**

SECTION B: HEAD LEADERSHIP BURSARY / ARTS AND CULTURE BURSARY

LEADERSHIP BURSARY

This is a once-off bursary awarded to students who were the *chairperson (only head boy/head girl of the school)* of the students' representative council during their high school career. The student should apply for this once-off bursary annually and the allocation amounts to R3 500 which is deducted from the tuition fees account. *Corroborative documents namely a copy of the official testimonial issued by the school or a similar certificate must be attached to this application.*

ARTS AND CULTURE BURSARY

This bursary is awarded to first-year students who received exceptional achievements in arts and culture activities during Grade 8-12. The value of the award differs and the evaluation is done by the Department of Arts and Culture. For more information, contact the Department Arts and Culture, Miss Denise Olyphant or Mr Jaco van der Walt, 018 299 2843/4.

SECTION C: SUPPORT BURSARY

BURSARY FOR A PHYSICALLY DISABLED STUDENT

Students with a degenerating physical disability which impedes their studies AND who submit a recent medical certificate to confirm their condition, should apply annually and will receive an allocation equal to 25% of their tuition fees. Only applicable for the minimum period of the qualification registered for in the first year (namely 3 or 4 years). A student should apply once only in the first year and attach a recent medical certificate.

ORPHAN AND FOSTER-CARE BURSARY

The bursary provides financial support to orphan or foster-care students and is equal to 25% of tuition fees. Death certificates of both parents, court order of foster-care placement or an affidavit from the social worker must be attached. Only applicable for the minimum period of the qualification registered for in the first year (namely 3 or 4 years). A student should apply once only in the first year after which the bursary will be allocated automatically while the student qualifies according to the bursary conditions.

FAMILY BURSARY

Full-time **and** part-time students may apply for this bursary if two or more members of the same family are registered at the NWU **simultaneously**. **ONLY** the student with the largest student number need apply, so *one application per family*. Instances in which the surnames of the students differ because of stepbrother(s)/stepsister(s), documentation must be attached that can verify that the relation is legally binding (i.e. a copy of the marriage certificate). Payment is done to the class fees account of the student(s) with the largest student number(s). The bursary is paid to the account of the student with the largest student number. **Annual re-application before the undermentioned closing date is required.** The sliding scale for awards are as follows:

Second student	15% of tuition fees		Fourth student	25% of tuition fees
Third student	20% of tuition fees		Fifth student	30% of tuition fees

Part-time/contact students qualify for **50%** of above mentioned bursary awards. **ANNUAL** re-application for this bursary is required.

Distance learning students do not qualify for the bursary.

CLOSING DATE FOR BURSARIES IN SECTION A, B and C – 28 FEBRUARY IN YEAR OF REGISTRATION

SECTION D: RUGBY AND/OR SPORT BURSARY

INQUIRIES RUGBY INSTITUTE RONEL EMMS 018 299 2429 ronel.emms@nwu.ac.za

OTHER SPORT

INQUIRIES POTCHEFSTROOM CORENE MIDDLETON 018 299 2905 corene.middleton@nwu.ac.za

CLOSING DATE FOR BURSARIES IN SECTION D – 15 OCTOBER ANNUALLY

SECTION E: NSFAS BURSARY

ONLINE APPLICATIONS ONLY

The objective of the NSFAS bursary scheme is to provide financial aid to prospective students who have academic potential but lack the necessary funds to study.

Students who registered for the first time before- and up to end 2017: The combined gross income for the household must be less than R122 000. For 2020, the allocation cap was R93 400; The amount is reviewed annually. Approved NSFAS bursaries will be applicable for the minimum duration of the qualification (3 or 4 years) + 2 additional years.

First time NSFAS applicants who registered from 2018 onwards: Only households with a combined gross income of under R350 000 annually will be considered. Approved NSFAS bursaries will be applicable for the minimum duration of the qualification (3 or 4 years) + 1 additional year.

The scheme is available to full-time undergraduates who fulfill the following requirements:

- The student must be a South African citizen. A certified copy of the ID book must be attached to the application.
- The student must be registered for at least the minimum number of prescribed course units annually.
- The student must be registered for a first, full-time, undergraduate qualification.
- The student must have academic potential and make satisfactory progress. First time NSFAS applicants who already are students, must pass at least 50% of the prescribed minimum course units.
- Returning NSFAS students who passed 50% of the prescribed minimum course units, need not re-apply for the bursary. A student who did not pass 50% of the prescribed minimum course units, must re-apply for the bursary for the next year.
- Students who received NSFAS for the completion of an under-graduate B Com CA-, LLB- or PCGE-degree and who plans to pursue a post graduate degree in these qualifications, must re-apply for NSFAS. These are the only post graduate degrees considered by NSFAS.
- The student must be financially needy, in other words have no or limited financial resources and would therefore be dependent on NSFAS.
- Minimum payable fees must be paid by the student or his/her parents at the beginning of each study year unless the student can provide written confirmation from NSFAS that the bursary has already been approved for that year.

DATES FOR NSFAS BURSARY, SECTION E

Prospective students: 1 August – 30 November.

Senior students: 1 August – 30 November.

Online applications are available on the NSFAS website: www.nsfas.org.za

No hard copies or late applications will be accepted.

SECTION F: FUNZA LUSHAKA EDUCATION BURSARY

ONLINE APPLICATIONS ONLY

This bursary is awarded to students who are South African citizens with at least one of the following priority area specialization subjects included in the qualification:

- ❖ Foundation Phase (Grades R-3): The priority area must be Foundation phase specialization in an Indigenous African Language (excluding Afrikaans and English).
- ❖ Intermediate and Senior Phase (Grades 4-9): The priority area must be one of the following: Mathematics, Natural Science or Technology.
- ❖ FET Phase (Grades 10-12): The priority area must be one of the following: Accounting, Agricultural Sciences, Agricultural Technology, Civil Technology, Computer Applications Technology, Economics, Electrical Technology, Engineering Graphics and Design, Geography, Information Technology, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Mechanical Technology or Physical Sciences.

Additional minimum criteria for 1st-year entrants:

- ❖ Applicant must comply with the minimum statutory matriculation requirements for admission to bachelor's degree study at a university in the RSA or Pass with Exemption.
- ❖ Applicant must obtain at least 60% in the subject which leads on to the priority area/subject in which the applicant will specialize to teach.

Additional minimum criteria for existing bursars/new applicants already at university:

- ❖ Applicant must obtain an average of at least 55% for all modules taken in previous year at university, that means 2/3 modules taken.
- ❖ Applicant must have passed all the modules studied in the last year of study at the university which relate directly to the teaching specialization.
- ❖ Applicant must be progressing to the next level/year of study.

Above criteria is only the *minimum* criteria and it does not imply automatic qualification for the bursary. There are a limited number of bursaries available to the best students and is subject to final selection by the Department Education and board members of Funza Lushaka.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS IF THE FUNZA LUSHAKA BURSARY SCHEME APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL

1. On qualifying, bursars will be required to take up a provincial teaching position. Bursars will not be granted permission to defer the placement contractual obligation to continue with full-time studies e.g. BEd (Hons). Nor will bursars be granted permission to take a "gap year". Bursars can choose the province in which they would like to teach. Applicants must note that provincial education department will place graduate bursars in teaching posts in schools in which they are needed. Bursars cannot choose

the school in which they would like to teach, nor can they apply directly to a school. It is also possible that bursars can be offered a placement in another province if there is no suitable position in the province of choice. To meet contractual obligations, bursars will have to accept the offer.

2. The bursary is awarded for one academic year at a time. It is not automatically re-awarded. Re-award will depend on various criteria as well as academic progress. There is no automatic promise of support for 4 years plus 1 more year. On evidence of academic success, and pending the availability of funds, the bursary may be re-awarded each year until the recipient of the bursary has qualified as a teacher. Recipients of bursaries will be required to teach one year for every year they received a bursary.
3. The bursary must be repaid if the recipient fails to qualify, fails to apply for a teaching post with a provincial education department at a public school, fails to take up a teaching post with a provincial education department at a public school, leaves a teaching post with a provincial education department before the end of the contracted service period, or otherwise fails to meet a requirement of the bursary agreement. In all of the cases described above, the bursary converts to an interest-bearing loan.
4. The amount that is repayable is the full amount of the bursary received under the program, less one year's funding for every year spent teaching at a public school. Interest will be charged at the rate determined by NSFAS which is always less than the commercial rate.
5. The Department of Education prefers to use an email or SMS to communicate with bursars and if you are awarded or re-awarded the bursary you will be expected to have an email address and if possible a cell-phone contact for SMS purposes.
6. Apply online on the FUNZA LUSHAKA website: www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za. **NB:** A hardcopy printout of the application together with a certified copy of the ID must be submitted to your campus Bursary office or you may email it to your campus email address as specified below.

THESE CONDITIONS ARE ALL CONTAINED IN THE BURSARY CONTRACT WHICH ALL APPLICANTS MUST SIGN. WHEN APPLICANTS SIGN THE BURSARY CONTRACT, THEY ARE LEGALLY AGREEING TO THE CONDITIONS DESCRIBED IN THE CONTRACT.

CLOSING DATE FOR FUNZA LUSHAKA BURSARY : SECTION F

To apply, please visit the FUNZA LUSHAKA website: www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za

New applications: 1 October 2020 – 28 February 2021

Re-applications: 1 October 2020 – 30 November 2020

THIS DOCUMENT IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF AVAILABLE BURSARIES AND LOANS. THE COMPLETE RULES, CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL BURSARIES AND LOANS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICES OF FSS.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Certified copies of certificates must be attached to every application form for financial support. NO incomplete forms will be accepted.
2. Application must be done annually on the prescribed applicable forms **before** the closing dates as specified.
3. **PART-TIME STUDENTS MUST APPLY ANNUALLY FOR BURSARIES AND LOANS** and if the student qualifies, 50% of normal bursary award will be allocated for the minimum period of the qualification registered for in the first year (namely 3 or 4 years).

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