IDC EXTERNAL BURSARY SCHEME

APPLICATION ADVERT – 2027 ACADEMIC YEAR INTAKE

IDC EXTERNAL BURSARY ONLINE APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

The Industrial Development Corporation is inviting students to apply for the IDC External Bursary Scheme for the **2027 academic year.** Applications have opened on Monday, 1 June 2026 and will close on Wednesday, 30 September 2026.

The IDC Bursary is open to unemployed eligible South African citizens with financial needs. Applicants should be studying or intend to study **full-time** with the below listed qualifications:

Below is a list of IDC-funded fields of study:

FINANCE/MANAGEMENT OR OTHER COURSES:

- Accounting (CA)
- Financial Management
- Internal Audit
- Cost and Management Accounting
- Investment Management
- Risk Management
- Transport or Logistics Management
- Supply Chain Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance Studies
- Economics
- Econometrics
- Business Management
- Financial Accounting
- Financial Engineering

STEM COURSES:

- Industrial Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Electronic Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechatronic Engineering
- Mining Engineering
- Analytical Chemistry
- Metallurgy Engineering
- Agricultural Studies
- Civil/Construction/Quantity Survey Engineering
- Geology
- Actuarial
- Data Science
- Environmental Science
- Quantitative Risk Management
- Physics
- Bachelor of Sciences
- Biotechnology
- Environmental Science
- Agricultural Studies
- Mathematics or Statistics
- Computer Science / Information Science
- BCom Information Systems
- Information Technology

LAW COURSES:

- BCom Law (Commercial law)
- Bachelor of Law (LLB)
- Diploma Law Studies

POST GRADUATE STUDIES: Honors

- Post Grad in Law
- Mathematics or Statistics
- Actuarial Science
- Accounting CTA

NB: APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FIELDS OF STUDY LISTED ABOVE. ANY QUALIFICATION NOT LIST ABOVE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

ELIGIBILITY:

- The IDC Bursary will be granted to applicants studying towards their first qualification and undergraduate studies only. Second, qualifications & post-graduate qualification **will not** be funded.

- Funding for postgraduate qualification (honours) will **only** be granted to applicants who are studying: **Law Qualifications, Accounting (CA), Actuarial Science, Mathematics & Statistics.**

- South African citizens **ONLY**, who are **not older than 26 years.**
- Applicants who are studying or matriculated at **Quintile 1,2 & 3 schools (public schools),** schools from previously disadvantaged communities, and from rural areas will be given first preference.
- The IDC Bursary Program is for applicants whose parents earn a combined household income of up to **R350 000,00 p/a.**
- Eligible applicants whose parents earn a combined household income between **R350 000,00 p/a** and **R600 000,00 p/a may be considered and are therefore invited to apply**. An affordability assessment will be carried out as part of the selection criteria.
- A weighting system, with due consideration of the following aspects, will be applicable:
  - Applicants living with disabilities will be given first preference.
  - Matriculants with a minimum of **75% APS**
  - Applicants at a tertiary level with a minimum of **65% average** of the most recent results. You must maintain a **60% GPA** score for the duration of study.
  - Applicants must be admitted to study at a South African public university or university of technology.

REQUIREMENTS (compulsory documents for submission)

NOTE: ALL DOCUMENTS' CERTIFICATION MUST NOT BE OLDER THAN 3 MONTHS

Disclaimer: The collected personal information will be used for the purpose of the external bursary application process, for reporting and filing purposes in line with section 18(1) of the POPI Act.

- South African ***recently certified*** ID document ***(not older than 3 months)***
- 2026 mid-year (first semester) results or latest results if not studying this year.
- Matric certificate if completed Matric.
- 2026 Matriculants must use their grade 11 results and June 2026 results to apply
- Proof of parents' or guardians' household income:
  - Recently Certified copy of latest pay slip(s) if employed.
  - Both parents 3 months bank statement if employed
  - affidavit if unemployed stating annual income
  - 6 months' bank statement if unemployed & self-employed
  - SASSA Letter stating the grants received if applicable.
  - Parent(s) death certificates if parent(s) are deceased.
  - Both parents recently certified ID copies
  - Divorce certificate if parents are divorced or sworn statement from the one parent if parents are separated.
  - Recently certified copy of proof of residence

BURSARY BENEFITS

The IDC bursary will cover the following expenses:

- Full tuition fees,
- University Accommodation & University Accredited Off-Campus Accommodation,
- Laptop (once-off),
- Meal allowance
- Transport allowance

APPLICATION FORM

Applications must be completed **online,** and applicants should submit clear copies of all mandatory supporting documents and complete the interview questionnaire.

NB: To apply for the IDC External Bursary, applicants can click here or visit the IDC Website: **www.idc.co.za** – select **About IDC**, then select **Bursaries**. Successful applicants will be notified via email.

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