

INSTANT INFO: UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES 2025

Introduction

The aim of the North-West University bursary 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 based on their academic, leadership, art 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 university management 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 Central Bursary Office regulations specified below) during the Grade 12 final examination.
- The discount is applicable on tuition fees for major- and ancillary modules only. Additional modules are disregarded.
- 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, calculated as below.
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-year students
85 – 100%	100% of tuition fees
80 – 84,99%	75% of tuition fees
75 – 79,99%	25% of tuition fees

SENIOR ACADEMIC MERIT BURSARY

- 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.
- The discount is applicable on tuition fees for major- and ancillary modules only. Additional modules are disregarded.
- To qualify, a student should have passed all the modules in the preceding year and obtained an average of at least 75%. To calculate the average, add the percentages of the major- and ancillary modules and divide by the number of modules. (Additional modules disregarded). 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 – 84,99%	40% off tuition fees
75 – 79,99%	30% off tuition fees

- ❖ **FULL-TIME students get the merit bursary *AUTOMATICALLY* - DO NOT APPLY!**
- ❖ **DISTANCE LEARNING students do not qualify for these and/or any other bursaries.**

SECTION B: HEAD LEADERSHIP BURSARY / ARTS AND CULTURE BURSARY

Please apply online via the NWU Student Portal and navigate to > My Bursaries > Apply Bursary. Please note that the Student Portal will only be available from January 2025.

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, Llewida May: llewida.may@nwu.ac.za.

SECTION C: SUPPORT BURSARY

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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 applies, 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 is 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

Contact Details	Mahikeng Campus: Soccer Institute & Other Sports Web Address: http://www.nwu.ac.za/content/nwu-Mahikeng-campus-soccer-institute	Potchefstroom Campus: Rugby Institute E-mail: ronel.emms@nwu.ac.za Other Sports E-mail: corene.middleton@nwu.ac.za Tel: (018) 299 2905	Vanderbijlpark Campus: All Sports E-mail: linda.meyer@nwu.ac.za
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CLOSING DATE FOR BURSARIES IN SECTION D – 15 OCTOBER ANNUALLY

SECTION E: NSFAS ONLINE APPLICATIONS ONLY

Please click the link below to visit the NSFAS website where you will find bursary conditions and online application forms:

www.nsfas.org.za

SECTION F: FUNZA LUSHAKA EDUCATION BURSARY ONLINE APPLICATIONS ONLY

Please click the link below to visit the Funza Lushaka Education website where you will find bursary conditions and online application forms:

www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za

This document is only a summary of available bursaries. The complete rules, conditions and regulations for all bursaries are available at the NWU Webpage.