



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

MEDIA STATEMENT

04 NOVEMBER 2019

26 DAYS LEFT BEFORE THE CLOSING OF 2020 APPLICATIONS

With only 26 days left before the closing of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) 2020 applications, NSFAS has received a total of 287 769 applications nationwide. Applications for 2020 will officially close on 30 November 2019 midnight.

The number of applications from students who intend to study at TVET colleges is steadily improving from the previous low of 23 001 in October to a 37 132 by Monday 04 November. A total of 145 190 applications have been received from SASSA beneficiaries. Students with disability are encouraged to take this opportunity and apply for funding. The NSFAS Disability Fund provides funding and support for students with disability, and 775 applications were received from students with disabilities.

KwaZulu Natal (85 367), Gauteng (58 950), and Limpopo (46 043) remain on top of the provinces with most applications received. Statistics from these three provinces have been consistent for the past application cycles. There has been a significant shift in number throughout all provinces, this was due to the outreach and roadshows that we embarked on.

NSFAS is consistently engaging with various local and provincial government where there are low numbers of applications received. These engagements will allow NSFAS to provide support where necessary in order to assist qualifying students with access to facilities.

NSFAS considers each application that we receive. When processing an application, we validate information with the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) and Department of Social Development (DSD) thereby getting a complete profile of an applicant and family. We take into consideration the total household family income, home affairs and social welfare status, higher education or admission status. Information about your school, and local municipality plays a crucial role in the 2020 application system.

To be eligible for NSFAS funding for university and TVET college studies, applicants should meet the following criteria:

- Be a South African citizen;
- Intend to enrol at any of the 26 public universities; or 50 TVET colleges in 2020;
- Come from a family with a combined annual household income of not more than R350 000 per annum.
- If you are a student with a disability and come from a family with an income of not more than R600 000 per annum. (Students with disabilities and students who are SASSA beneficiaries and those who are supported by parents who receive social grants automatically qualify for NSFAS, provided they fall within the set threshold.)
- Agree to the terms and conditions of the NSFAS grant or bursary awarded.

You will need the following supporting documents:

All applicants

- Certified copy of your ID, not older than 3 months
- A signed and completed consent form (Downloaded from our website)

If you are a SASSA recipient, please provide:

- A signed and completed consent form

If you are dependent on your parents/guardian/spouse, please provide:

- Certified ID copies of parent/s, guardian, spouse not older than 3 months

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- Proof of income of parent, guardian or spouse (payslip or appointment letter)

If you are self-sufficient and employed please provide:

- Proof of income (payslip or appointment letter)
- 3yrs IRP5

If you have a disability, please provide:

- Completed and signed Disability Annexure A (if your information is not pre-populated on the portal) Downloaded on our website.

If you are an orphan please provide:

- Orphan Declaration and Consent Form (excluding consent form)

Other documents required, if applicable:

- Retrenchment letter
- Death certificate/s
- Divorce decree

The 2020 applications are done online through the myNSFAS portal (www.nsfas.org.za), where students can submit their applications using their smartphones or computer.

To apply, an applicant needs to create a myNSFAS account on the NSFAS website, or use their social media accounts; Facebook and/or Google. Applicants with an existing account can sign in using their usernames and password or Facebook/Google accounts.

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 Province	 Total Applications
KwaZulu Natal	85 367
Gauteng	58 950
Limpopo	46 043
Eastern Cape	27 743
Mpumalanga	23 324
Free State	16 575
Western Cape	14 823
North West	12 717
Northen Cape	2 225

Gender



98 314
Male



189 453
Female



250 365
University

37 132
TVET

Race

270 852 Black

10 845 Coloured

3 150 White

2 658 Indian

262 Unspecified



TOTAL APPLICATIONS RECIEVED NATIONALLY (04 November)

2020	287 769
2019	214 893