



INSTANT INFO: UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES 2018

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.

SECTION A: ACADEMIC MERIT BURSARIES

FIRST-YEAR ACADEMIC MERIT BURSARY

1 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 and no remarks will be taken into account.**
- The bursary is awarded on account of the student's **true average** obtained.

Calculate as follows: 10% is deducted from the subject's percentage for **any/every** non-designated subject and Life Orientation is disregarded. Then 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. For your convenience, see the list of designated and non-designated subjects below the next table.

Student's Average %	Merit Bursary
85 – 100%	100% of tuition fees
80 - 84%	75% of tuition fees
75 - 79%	25% of tuition fees

RECOGNISED NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE SUBJECTS

DESIGNATED SUBJECTS (use the percentage given on senior certificate)	NON DESIGNATED SUBJECTS (i.e. deduct 10% for each of these subjects taken)
AGRICULTURE	AGRICULTURE
Agricultural Science	Agricultural Management Practices, Agricultural Technology
ARTS AND CULTURE	ARTS AND CULTURE
Dramatic Arts, Music, Visual Arts	Dance Studies, Design
BUSINESS, COMMERCE AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES	BUSINESS, COMMERCE AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES
Accounting, Business Studies, Economics	-
COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE STUDIES	COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE STUDIES
One language of teaching and 2 other recognised language subjects	Foreign languages
ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY	ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY
Engineering Graphics and Design	Electrical Technology, Mechanical Technology, Civil Technology
HUMAN AND SOCIAL STUDIES	HUMAN AND SOCIAL STUDIES
Geography, History, Religion Studies	-
PHYSICAL-, MATHEMATICAL-, COMPUTER AND LIFE SCIENCES	PHYSICAL-, MATHEMATICAL-, COMPUTER AND LIFE SCIENCES
Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Information Technology, Mathematics, Mathematical Literacy	Computer Applications Technology
SERVICES	SERVICES
Consumer Studies	Hospitality Studies, Tourism

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.
- To qualify, the student should have passed all the major- and ancillary subjects (additional modules disregarded) during the previous year AND obtained an average of at least 75%. **No** marks will be rounded. 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 by using the table below:

Student's Average %	Academic Merit Bursary
75% and above	50% of tuition fees

!!! The academic merit bursary is awarded *AUTOMATICALLY* to FULL-TIME students and therefor the student do not have to apply !!!

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 headboy/headgirl 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, Mr Nkosinathi Tom or Mr Jaco van der Walt, 018 299 2843.

SECTION C: SUPPORT BURSARY

ANNUAL application is required for this bursaries and corroborative documentation must be attached each time.

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).

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**. The student with the largest student number must apply. All family members must be within the minimum period of the qualification registered for in the first year (namely 3 or 4 years). 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 tuition fees account of the student. It is awarded 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 students qualify for **50%** of above mentioned bursary awards, for the minimum period of the qualification registered for in the first year (namely 3 or 4 years). ANNUAL application for this bursary is required.

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 RUGBY AND SPORT BURSARY APPLICATIONS: 15 OCTOBER ANNUALLY

CLOSING DATE FOR BURSARIES IN SECTION A, B, C AND D

Prospective students **31 January**
Senior students **30 September (of preceding year)**

SECTION E: NSFAS LOAN

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

The scheme is available to all 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 at least be registered for the minimum number of prescribed course units per year.
- Registered for a first undergraduate course.
- The student must have academic potential and make satisfactory progress – i.e. pass at least 60% of the prescribed minimum course units. Up to 40% of the loan can possibly be converted to a bursary on account of good academic results.
- The student must be financially needy, in other words have no or very few financial resources and is therefore dependent on NSFAS.
- Minimum payable fees must be paid by the student or his/her parents at the beginning of each study year.

DATES FOR NSFAS LOAN, SECTION E

Prospective students: Opening date: 1 August 2017 - Closing date: 27 November 2017

Senior students: Only new applicants to apply online as per above dates.

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

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. Visit the FUNZA LUSHAKA website for more information: www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za

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

New applications: 1 October 2017 – 12 January 2018

Re-applications: 1 October 2017 – 17 November 2017

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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