

BURSARY APPLICATION – INFORMATION LETTER

Dear Applicant

Please read the instructions before completing the application form.

1. General Instructions

- 1.1. The completed application form must be submitted before 25 November if you want to be considered for a bursary for the up coming year.
- 1.2. Only application forms completed in full and accompanied by the required supporting documents will be considered.
- 1.3. Only application forms that are mailed to us by surface mail will be considered. Faxed or emailed forms will not be considered.
- 1.4. Only applications from South African citizens will be considered.

2. Documents to be submitted with the application form (if and where applicable)

- 2.1. A certified copy of this year's June exam results or an appropriate progress report if no examination was written.
- 2.2. A copy of your final results if you have completed your NSC (matric).
- 2.3. Your academic record if you are currently studying at a tertiary institution.
- 2.4. Two testimonials: The first by a responsible educational official (e.g. your principal or lecturer) and the other by a community leader (e.g. your spiritual leader, local civic leader, etc.).
- 2.5. An essay on your life in Section 7. This essay must be written by you personally. Your parent / guardian / friend may include a letter of recommendation.
- 2.6. Proof of income/salary* of parent(s) or guardian. (*e.g. payslip or letter from employer or sworn statement or tax return statement).
- 2.7. A certified copy of your South African Identity Document (ID).

3. Selection Criteria

- 3.1. The main criteria used in the selection of successful applicants are financial need, academic potential and career-oriented study programmes. Preference is also given to applicants from rural areas and to female applicants.

4. Bursary Amounts

BCT awards three kinds of bursaries: access bursaries, partial bursaries and full cost bursaries.

- 4.1. Access bursaries are smaller bursaries that are intended to give access to tertiary education. Successful applicants will have to pay back 80% of the study costs ones they are working.
- 4.2. Partial bursaries cover around 50% of the total cost of studying per year.
- 4.3. Full-cost bursaries cover all study-related costs.

5. Submitted Application Forms: Acknowledgement of Receipt and Outcome

- 5.1. **Receipt:** You will receive an sms or email confirming receipt of your completed application form. All applications received will be considered.
- 5.2. **Outcome:** You may expect an sms telling you whether your application was successful by 31 December. Please inquire only after 15 January of the next year if by that time you still have had no answer.