



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

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CALLING ALL SOCIAL GRANT BENEFICIARIES TO APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT BURSARY SCHEME

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) calls on all social grant beneficiaries who will be registering for the first time or continuing with their studies at public universities and TVET colleges in 2019 to apply for student financial aid before November 30, 2018. The agreement between NSFAS and the Department of Social Development clears all social grants beneficiaries from submitting any proof of income when they apply for student funding.

All prospective students who are currently receiving, or have previously received, any of the social grants including the Care Dependency grant; Child Support grant; Foster Child grant; and the Disability grant automatically qualify for NSFAS funding. “Students who are funded and have received payments from NSFAS for their 2018 studies and will be continuing with their existing qualification in 2019 are not required to reapply for 2019 funding. Students are however encouraged to ensure that they sign their NSFAS agreement forms. Prospective students from households with a combined income of R350 000.00 per annum who will be registering at a public university or TVET college in 2019 for the first time (FTENs) are eligible for funding and must apply now. Students from households with a combined income of R350 000.00 per annum who registered in 2018 for their first qualification and were not funded in 2018 are eligible for funding and must apply now” says Randall Carolissen, NSFAS Administrator.

The following documents (not older than 3 months) are required in order to complete the application:

1. Certified copy of your South African birth certificate or ID document;
2. Certified copies of proof of income if your parents or guardian are employed;
3. Certified copies of your parents or guardians ID; and
4. A completed consent form which NSFAS requires in order to confirm and verify the identity and income of the parent or guardians of the applicant. This form can be downloaded from www.nsfas.org.za.

Please apply online at www.nsfas.org.za. Should you require assistance you may call our toll-free number on 08000 67327 or visit your nearest NYDA office. Check the NSFAS website for more details on additional application centres.

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The appointment of Dr Randell Carolissen as the Administrator to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme is in terms of Section 17A (3)(a) of the NSFAS Act (Act 56 of 1999 as amended), effective from August 23, 2018 as published in the Government Gazette by the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mrs Naledi Pandor, MP.