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Dear Donor

Criteria for bursaries from the Kovsie Alumni Trust Bursary Fund

The University of the Free State greatly values the loyal support it has received from Kovsie Alumni Trust (KAT) donors over the past 21 years, enabling students to study at the UFS. There is no better investment than creating opportunities for talented young people to access quality higher education. Thank you for making this investment.

During the past few months, the university and KAT trustees have reviewed the policies and procedures related to the Kovsie Alumni Bursary Fund. Such reviews are necessary from time to time to ensure compliance with UFS policies as well as relevant legislative requirements. The review has resulted in refining the criteria for students to be considered for bursaries from the Kovsie Alumni Trust Bursary Fund.

In future, undergraduate and honours students at the UFS are eligible to apply for support from the Kovsie Alumni Trust. Awards are subject to the availability of funding, and are based on criteria and points as set out below. The minimum points required will be determined from year to year. The minimum required to be considered for the 2018 academic year is 70 points as indicated in the table below.

The minimum criteria are	Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrolment at the UFS for at least 120 credits in the current year in any field of study which leads to an undergraduate degree or acceptance into an Honours programme	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic results<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 100% of modules passed with an average of 60% in two consecutive semesters○ 100% of modules passed in two consecutive semesters○ In the case of first-year applicants, an AP score of at least 36	50 45 50
Additional criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicant is in his/her final year of study	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent, grandparent or legal guardian has been a donor for at least 12 months and donated at least R3 000 to the UFS, or to the Kovsie Alumni Trust• If the donor is not directly related to the student, the application must be accompanied by a testimonial confirming the connection between the donor and the student	5 to 25 points ($\geq R3\ 000 = 5$ points; $\geq R6\ 000 = 10$ points; $\geq R15\ 000 = 25$ points)
Total points	100

Eligible students can apply by end February (for semester 1) or end August (for semester 2). Awards are confirmed by the UFS Bursary Fund Committee and are conditional on satisfactory results and admission to the proposed year of study. Application forms are available on the UFS web at www.ufs.ac.za

Donors themselves are not eligible to apply for bursaries. They may, of course, encourage students or prospective students to apply and support applications with testimonials. The new criteria will ensure that donors to the Kovsie Alumni Trust continue to receive tax benefits under South African income tax legislation.

Thank you again for the contribution you are making to the development of talented students and, therefore, to the development of our country. We hope that you will continue to support the KAT and the UFS. Please feel free to contact Alzena Brink of the Kovsie Alumni Trust if you need any further information: brinkat@ufs.ac.za, tel +27 51 401 2043.