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FINANCIAL AID BURSARIES AND LOANS

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SECURE FINANCIAL AID FOR YOUR STUDIES

Some bursaries do not pay out immediately and the delay can cause you stress and anxiety. To avoid the stress and anxiety about your finances, you are advised to source and secure funds when you apply for studies at the UFS to support yourself in terms of registration fees, books, meals, accommodation, transport, etc., while you wait for the bursary to pay out. Don't wait till the last minute.

The University of the Free State offers the following bursaries for qualifying students:

ACADEMIC MERIT AWARDS FOR NEW FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

The UFS has increased the academic merit awards for first-year students. You have worked really hard and the UFS values and acknowledges your effort. You can use your merit award allocation to register. If your merit award is less than the required registration fee, you will have to pay the balance in order to finalise your registration.

The university reserves the right to amend the regulations and award values and/or conditions applicable to the awarding thereof without prior notice.

If you qualify for an academic merit award, we will credit your class-fee account with the amount of the award after you register as a student at the University of the Free State.

THE FOLLOWING SCALE IS USED TO ALLOCATE AWARDS:

Admission point	Award Value
35-37	R6 000
38-40	R10 000
41-43	R15 000
44+	R20 000

The award value is based on the formula used to calculate the admission point.

NSC level of achievement	UFS Admission Point (AP)
7 (90%-100%)	8
7 (80%-89%)	7
6 (70%-79%)	6
5 (60%-69%)	5
4 (50%-59%)	4
3 (40%-49%)	3
2 (30%-39%)	2
1 (0%-29%)	-

These awards are automatically awarded to new students based on their performance in the final matriculation examination. The award offer is subject to you meeting the minimum admission requirements in your programme of study and being registered at the UFS as a first-year student in 2021.

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS WHO INITIALLY REGISTERED AT OTHER HIGHER-EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

First-time entering first-year students who initially registered at other higher-education institutions, discontinued their studies, and then register at the University of the Free State, will not qualify for academic merit awards during their first year of study.

What does this mean? If you transfer to the UFS from another university, you cannot get an academic merit award based on your final Grade 12 results during your first year of study at the UFS.

INTERRUPTION OF STUDIES

To qualify for an academic merit award, a student must register at the University of the Free State as a student again. If there is an interruption of more than five (5) years between the last examination (matric or university) and the year in which the award must be awarded, the student does not qualify for an award.

What does this mean? If you interrupt your studies for more than five (5) years, you will lose the academic merit award.

DISCONTINUATION OF STUDY

If a student discontinues his/her course during the year, the award will be recovered pro rata.

What does this mean? If you have an award and stop studying, any credit balance on your UFS class-fee account (up to an amount equal to that of the award) will be taken away after you have discontinued your studies.



PAYMENT OF ACADEMIC MERIT AWARD

Students who qualify for an academic merit award will have the awarded amount credited to their tuition-fee account during registration at the UFS.

What does this mean? You will not get cash; the money will be paid into your student account at the UFS.

UNDERTAKING

The student undertakes to complete his/her degree studies at this university. If he/she does not complete the course, Council reserves the right to claim back the entire awarded amount or the part thereof that may already have been paid out. However, each case will be treated on merit.

An award may be withdrawn at any time if the behaviour, diligence, or progress of the student is found to be unsatisfactory. If the examination results of a merit-award recipient are such that he/she will have to repeat the studies of a full year/semester, the award will be regarded as a study loan and it will have to be paid back.

What does this mean? If you get an academic merit award from the UFS, you can only complete your studies at the UFS. If you don't complete the qualification, you may have to pay back all the money, or some of it. It depends on your specific situation. If you do not perform well academically, or behave badly, you may lose the award.

OCCASIONAL STUDIES

Students who register for occasional studies do not qualify for merit awards based on their academic achievement of the previous year or academic achievements during their occasional studies.

Terms and conditions apply.

BURSARIES FOR CULTURE, ART, AND LEADERSHIP

New first-year students: prospective students must apply before 15 February 2021 for a bursary for culture, art, and leadership. The application form is available at www.ufs.ac.za – follow the links: Apply – Financial Aid – Information. You can submit the completed application form to Mrs J Buitendag, Room N101, George du Toit Building, Bloemfontein Campus.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS QUALIFY

Head boys/girls	R1 750
Deputy head boys/girls	R1 100
Olympiad winners [national level]	R7 300
Olympiad runners-up [2nd place] [national level]	R2 440
Olympiad runners-up [places 3-5] [national level]	R2 190
Olympiad runners-up [places 6-10] [national level]	R1 835
President's scouts	R1 835
Expo winners [Gold]	R1 835
Achievements at international level [individual achievements]	
Achievements at national level [individual achievements]	

In addition to the above-mentioned accomplishments, bursaries can also be awarded based on other cultural, art, and leadership achievements.
NB: An admission point of 30 is required for the mentioned awards.

SPECIAL MERIT BURSARIES FOR SPORT

Bursaries are awarded every year to sportsmen/sportswomen who can contribute towards expanding our proud record in the field of sport. Applications for these bursaries close on 30 September (1st round) and 30 November (2nd round) each year. The application form is available at www.ufs.ac.za – follow the links: Apply – Financial Aid – Information. For further information, contact KovieSport on +27 51 401 2475 | octobercze@ufs.ac.za

SUNDRY BURSARIES

The university has various bursaries available for general or specific fields of study or in specific departments and faculties. Follow the link: <https://www.ufs.ac.za/kovsielife/unlisted-pages/bursaries/financial-aid> for further information, application forms, and closing dates.

FUNZA LUSHAKA EDUCATION BURSARIES

Funza Lushaka Education bursaries are available for deserving Education students who specialise in scarce education subjects. Applications usually open on 1 October of the preceding year. The application form is available on www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za. Please note that the completed application form, certified copy of ID, and certified results must be submitted to the Bursary Officer as proof of application. **Take note that the decision regarding Funza Lushaka Education applications is only available from April, therefore you will have to source financial support for books, meals, registration fees, etc., for the interim period.** Contact the Bursary Officer in the Faculty of Education, Nicolene Butler, on +27 51 401 2025/3041 or butlerNM@ufs.ac.za for more information.

ADDITIONAL BURSARY OPTIONS

A lack of funds will prevent you from registering and enjoying the student and academic life. To help you, here are a few alternative options you may consider:

- <http://www.gal.co.za>
- <http://bursariesin4.com>
- <http://bursary.co.za>
- <http://www.sabursaries.com>
- <http://puffandpass.co.za>
- <http://www.saapplicationforms.com>
- <http://www.gostudy.mobi>
- <http://sastudy.co.za>
- <http://www.tshwaneline.co.za>
- <http://youtheconomy.co.za/category/students/bursaries/>
- <http://www.careerhelp.org.za/page/financing-studies/bursary/626576-Bursaries>

NATIONAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID SCHEME (NSFAS)

Financially needy students may apply for financial aid (NSFAS) online at www.NSFAS.org.za. If you experience problems with your online application, contact the NSFAS call centre at 0860 067 327. If your NSFAS bursary has been approved and allocated by the Financial Aid Office, you may register without paying the required first payment. Terms and conditions apply.

Important notice: NSFAS does not fund the University Access Programmes (UAP), as it is a bridging programme. You must fund your own studies and apply the following year for mainstream studies, if you have successfully passed your UAP year. NSFAS Funding is ONLY applicable for the Higher Certificates presented via the UFS South Campus, and mainstream programmes via the Bloemfontein and Qwaqwa Campuses.

NB: Only South African citizens qualify for NSFAS funding.





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