



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

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**Subject: Application of the Fee Free Education Bursary as administered by NSFAS**

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) is in the processes of taking bursary applications for the 2019 academic year for learners and students wishing to study at public TVET Colleges and Universities. Furthermore, we are entrusted to manage and administer the Fee Free Education Bursary as announced by government in 2017 for implementation starting in 2018.

The Bursary Applications period opened for 2019 following the announcement by the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Hon Naledi Pandor in appointing Dr. Randall Carolissen as Executive Administrator.

The office of the Executive Administrator is requesting SADTU to extend communication to its all structures and members about the existing funding opportunity of the NSFAS Bursary. As a union representing the poor and the working class, we urge you to encourage your members to apply on behalf of their children and relative before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**The qualification for NSFAS funding is as follows:**

- You are a South African citizen;
- Your combined annual household income does not exceed R350 000 per annum;
- You are a SASSA grant recipient;
- You are registering for the first-time for an under graduate qualification at a public university or you are registered at a public TVET College for one of the National Certificate Vocational or report 191 programme;
- You are applying to study at a public university or TVET College for a qualification;
- If you were an already registered university student in 2018 with an annual household income of less than R122 000 per year;
- You need to have passed Grade 9 & 10 to receive NSFAS funding to study at a TVET College;
- You need to have passed Grade 12 to receive NSFAS funding to study at a university

The NSFAS Bursary applications are open through the NSFAS website [www.nsfas.org.za](http://www.nsfas.org.za), the NYDA Offices Nationwide and via TVET Colleges and Universities Financial Aid Offices.

Furthering the extension of this communique for SADTU members to be aware of the NSFAS funding opportunities, we request SADTU to invite NSFAS where necessary to make presentations and or provide clarity about the NSFAS Bursary.

For further details kindly liaise with Sive Gumenge, Stakeholder Engagement Manager, through [SiveG@nsfas.org.za](mailto:SiveG@nsfas.org.za) or 021 763 3200 Ext 205.

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