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Subject: 2023 NSFAS Funding Application Cycle is Open

Dear UMP Student/Applicant

Reminder to apply for NSFAS financial assistance for 2023

CLOSING DATE: 21 January 2023

First-time applications for financial aid are handled centrally via NSFAS. Although applicants may have applied to multiple institutions for admission to study, only one financial aid application directly to NSFAS will be required. This process applies to the UMP Student Financial Aid. UMP will not accept direct applications for NSFAS financial aid. All applicants must follow the national process provided by NSFAS.

If you have already applied to NSFAS, please disregard this reminder. You should not apply **IF** you have already applied and received funding in previous years, have not as yet graduated on **your current qualification** and do not intend to change from one sector to another (TVET College to University or vice versa). You are automatically funded for the duration of your studies, provided you meet the academic requirements. **IF YOU ARE MOVING FROM A TVET TO A UNIVERSITY, PLEASE REAPPLY.**

How and where to apply

Please note that applying for financial assistance is a 2-step process.

1. Create a myNSFAS account via this link: <https://my.nsfas.org.za/> Your ID number will be your username.
2. Click on the 'Apply' tab to update your personal information and upload your application supporting documents. Submit your application.

Only once you have submitted the application and received an application number (immediately available online) has the application process for financial assistance been completed. If you experience any difficulty in using the on-line system, you can contact NSFAS on their Share Call Number 0860 0067 327.

Application Criteria

Applicants must be:

- South African citizens or permanent residents
- SASSA grant recipients
- Applicants whose combined gross household income is not more than R350 000 per year
- Persons living with disabilities whose combined gross household income is not more than R600 000 per year
- Intending to study towards a first undergraduate qualification
- Intending to study for a funding approved undergraduate qualification.

If NSFAS declines your funding application but you are able to prove that your gross family income is under R350 000 per annum, you can submit an appeal to NSFAS on your MyNSFAS portal within 30 days of the unsuccessful funding decision.

Required documents for all applicants are:

- Copy of ID
- ID copies of parent(s), guardian, or spouse
- Proof of income of parent(s), guardian, or spouse (payslip or appointment letter, where applicable).

Note: If you are a SASSA recipient, then no proof of income is required. Certified documents are not a requirement.

Students living with disabilities must provide:

- A completed and signed Disability Annexure A Form (available on the website).

Students recognised as vulnerable children:

An applicant who is recognised as a vulnerable child by the Department of Social Development must provide completed and Vulnerable Child Declaration form completed by a social worker (available on the website).

Students with no family members details (non-SASSA):

An applicant who has indicated that s/he has no family member details and or abridged birth certificate must complete the Non-SASSA Declaration Form (available on the website).

Other documents required, if applicable:

- Retrenchment letter
- Death certificate/s; Divorce decree

Note: No affidavits or copy of driver's license will be accepted as proof of ID.

We encourage applicants to print a copy of their NSFAS online application and their application reference number. Please keep a copy of all supporting documents in case they are required later. Also check your email account regularly for correspondence from NSFAS. It is also very important that you monitor your MyNSFAS portal for progress on your application.

Please do not leave your application for the last day, apply now, as late applications will not be entertained, and an early funding decision would assist you with your study decisions. Do not wait for an academic offer, apply for financial assistance now. Remember you require only one NSFAS application irrespective of where you will receive an academic offer to study.

Contact NSFAS

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Regards.

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