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2016 STUDENT FINANCIAL AID ONLINE APPLICATIONS OPENS

Cape Town – The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) has opened online applications for 2016 financial aid for poor and deserving students from 17 August 2015 and will close on 30 November 2015.

The applications for funding are currently open for students wishing to study at selected public universities and TVET colleges. Grade 12 learners and students can now logon the NSFAS website www.nsfas.org.za to apply and submit applications.

NSFAS Spokesperson, Kagisho Mamabolo said, “in 2014, we focused more on testing and improving the Student Centered-Model. The results were positive, hence we are implementing the model. It is the future of NSFAS. It has changed how NSFAS interacts with beneficiaries and will in future assist in tracing them once they complete their studies and start working.

“We request applicants to provide us with supporting documents, full and accurate information to avoid rejection of applications. We hope the new funding model will change their lives for the better by creating an effective and efficient access to higher education,” he explained.

WHO MAY APPLY FOR NSFAS FUNDING?


- Grade 12 learners from poor and working class families who cannot afford to pay for their studies
- Eligible students who were not funded in the previous years
- Eligible Students who were funded in the previous years, but not funded in 2015

SELECTED UNIVERSITIES:

University of South Africa; Durban University of Technology; Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University; University of Venda; Sol Plaatje University; University of Mpumalanga;

SELECTED TVET COLLEGES:

King Hintsa TVET College; Motheo TVET College; Umfolozi TVET College; South Cape TVET College; and Ekurhuleni East College.



NSFAS students funded for 2015 need not to apply. However, NSFAS will obtain academic results to assess their eligibility for the continued funding in the 2016 academic year.

To apply, students are encouraged to complete an online application form and submit relevant supporting documents before the closing date online.

NB:

Closing date for students wishing to study at UNISA will close on **30 September 2015** to allow NSFAS to process and evaluate UNISA applicants in time for early registration phase. NSFAS will announce outcome of applications via SMS or email after the closing dates.

For further assistance, applicants can contact NSFAS Contact Centre on **0860067327**.

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