



APPLICATION FOR EXTERNAL BURSARY: FULL-TIME TERTIARY STUDIES 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

Instructions:

- 1 Only use **BLOCK LETTERS**.
- 2 Only signed applications containing **FULL PARTICULARS** and all **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS** will be considered.
- 3 Mark appropriate block with ✓.
- 4 Submit all application forms by email to bursaries@dws.gov.za.
- 5 Applications will open 01 May 2025 and the closing date is 30 September 2025. Applications received after this date will not be considered.
- 6 Information pertaining to the Department of Water and Sanitation external bursary can be found on the web page (<http://www.dws.gov.za/LearningA>).
- 7 Applicants that do not receive written communication within 3 months after the closing date should consider their application unsuccessful.
- 8 For 2026, the Department Water and Sanitation will consider applications **ONLY** for 1st year students studying towards the following qualifications:
 - BSc/BEng in Civil; Mechanical and Electrical
 - BSc in Hydrology; Geohydrology; Water Project Management, Environmental and Water Sciences
 - BSc (Hons) in Hydrology; Geohydrology; Water Project Management, Environmental and Water Sciences
 - National 3 year Diploma/BEng Tech in Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering; Electrical Engineering (Heavy Current) and Water Care.
- 9 The bursary awards target the previously disadvantaged and impoverished persons from poverty-stricken and rural communities. **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**

COMPULSORY DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED	YES	NO
1 Please attach Grade 12 certificate		
2 If you have as yet not completed Grade 12, attached latest results (i.e. Grade 11 and/or first semester Grade 12 results)		
3 Attach certified copy of ID		
4 First time/new students: Attach copy of proof of application/provisional acceptance letter/firm offer from university		
5 Hons students in first year please attach academic record of undergrad and proof acceptance for post graduate qualification.		

2 Proposed qualification for which you require a bursary

FIELDS OF STUDIES	CROSS ONLY ONE FIELD OF STUDY [✓]
BSc/BEng in Civil Engineering	
BSc/BEng in Mechanical Engineering	
BSc/BEng in Electrical Engineering	
BSc Water Project Management	
BSc in Hydrology	
BSc in Geohydrology	
BSc in Environmental Management	
BSc (Hons) in Hydrology	
BSc (Hons) in Geohydrology	
BSc (Hons) in Environmental and Water Sciences	
National 3 year Diploma/BEng Tech in Civil Engineering	
National 3 year Diploma/BEng Tech in Mechanical Engineering	
National 3 year Diploma/BEng Tech in Electrical Engineering (Heavy Current)	
National 3 year Diploma in Water Care	

**3 The Department does not sponsor studies at TVET or 2-year diploma and certificates
No other qualification other than listed above will be considered**

3.1 Are/where you in possession or another bursary of funding YES NO Amount received

3.1.1 If "YES" state the name of donor

3.1.2 Period of financial support FROM Y Y Y Y M M D D TO Y Y Y Y M M D D

3.1.3 Nature of obligation for this funding in 3.1.1.

3.2 Did you apply/are you receiving funds from NSFAS YES NO Amount received

3.2.1 If "YES" since when DATE Y Y Y Y / M M / D D

ALL BURSARS WHO APPLIED FOR NSFAS OR ANY OTHER FUNDING, AND WERE ALSO OFFERED A DWS BURSARY NEED TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION ON WHICH OFFER THEY WILL BE TAKING.

THE DWS BURSARY DOES NOT ALLOW A BURSAR TO HAVE MULTIPLE SPONSORSHIP.

THIS IMPLIES THAT THE DEPARTMENTAL BURSARY WILL BE TERMINATED ON DUPLICATION OF FUNDING.

4 Education

4.1 Name of school

4.2 Highest grade passed _____

4.3 Year

Y	Y	Y	Y
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4.4 Subjects Level

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4.7 Date of first registration

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4.8 Student number

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4.9 Which University? _____

4.10 Degree/Diploma registered for in detail _____

6 Income status

Father's occupation (where applicable) _____

Mother's occupation (where applicable) _____

Guardian's occupation (where applicable) _____

Mark you combined parent's or guardian's income R

<5 000

5 001-15 000

15 001 and above

Attach proof of income for both parents or proof of grant income from SASSA where applicable**7 Declaration**

- 7.1 I realise that this is a bursary scheme with a service obligation of 4 years post obtaining qualification that I am applying for and I undertake to abide by the conditions pertaining to the granting thereof.
- 7.2 I further agree that should I be successful to my application, I will not be taking additional funding from any other sponsors.
- 7.3 I declare that all above-mentioned particulars are complete and correct.

Signature of applicant

Date _____

If still a minor, assisted by parent/guardian (signature)

Date _____