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ELIGIBILITY · 2027 FUNDING

Who can apply?



All **South African citizens** and **permanent residents** who plan to study, or are already registered, at a **public university** or **TVET college**.



SASSA RECIPIENTS

Automatically qualify

Verified SASSA grant recipients meet the financial requirements.



HOUSEHOLD INCOME

R350 000 or less

Gross combined household income per year.



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

R600 000 or less

Gross combined household income per year.

Loans

Undergraduate: household income between R350 000 and R600 000. Postgraduate (up to honours): R600 000 or less.

Every applicant

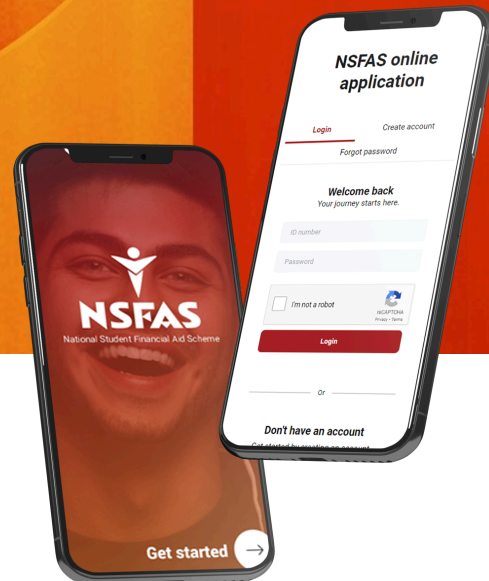
Must submit a completed, accurate and signed consent form so NSFAS can verify financial eligibility.



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IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3

How to apply?

1



Create your myNSFAS profile

- ✓ Name/s and surname as per ID
- ✓ Your own email address
- ✓ Activate your profile via OTP
- ✓ Valid South African ID number
- ✓ Your own cellphone number

2



Apply

- ✓ Log in to your myNSFAS profile
- ✓ Add your information
- ✓ Click **Apply**
- ✓ Upload the required documents

3



Submit

- ✓ Accept the terms and conditions
- ✓ Receive your reference number
- ✓ Submit your application



New! Apply on the NSFAS mobile app. Go to your app store, search “NSFAS”, download the app and create your profile.



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GET YOUR DOCUMENTS READY

What do I need?

Every applicant's situation is different. Find yours below – the documents you submit help NSFAS assess your application correctly.



Everyone: a completed, accurate and **signed consent form**, uploaded with your application.

Supported by a relative (not a legal guardian)

Consent form **and** declaration form, both signed by you and the person who supports you.

Legal guardian (court issued)

Consent forms signed by you and your guardian, plus the court-issued guardianship document.

Orphan, under 18

Vulnerable Child/Orphan form completed with a social worker, plus your signed consent form.

Both parents deceased, 18 or older

Your signed consent form plus death certificates for both parents.

Married

Consent form signed by you, and the same form signed by your spouse.

Persons with disabilities

Consent form signed by you and your parents, plus a Disability Annexure form signed by a registered health professional.

Independent, over 34

Consent form only – no parent or guardian details needed.

Emancipated by court order, under 34

Consent form only, plus a copy of the court-issued emancipation proof.



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THE NSFAS BURSARY

What does NSFAS cover?



Tuition

Registration and tuition fees at a public university or TVET college.



Accommodation

Where applicable.



Learning materials

An allowance for books and study materials.



Living allowance

Help with day-to-day living costs.



Personal care

A personal care allowance.



Transport

Travel to and from your campus.

Students with disabilities

May also qualify for assistive devices and their repair, human support (university) and assessment costs — on approval.

NSFAS loans

Cover tuition, learning materials and accommodation (where applicable). Not covered: living allowance, personal care and transport.

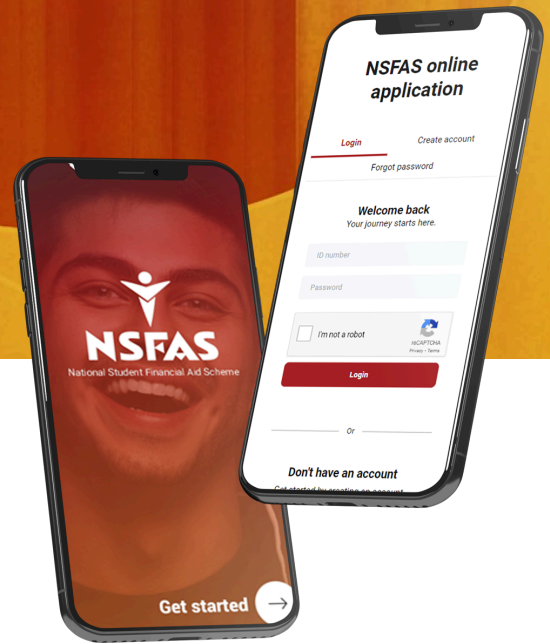


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I CAN BECAUSE I KNOW

Need help?

Track your application status anytime on your myNSFAS profile.

Forgot your password?

- 1** Go to www.nsfas.org.za and open myNSFAS.
- 2** Click “Forgot Password”.
- 3** Enter your ID number.
- 4** Choose the contact method you can access.
- 5** No access? Select “None of the above” and answer your security questions.

Good to know

One person, one profile.

Duplicate profiles can block your application.

Use your own details.

Your own cellphone number and email keep your profile secure.

No email address?

Create one for free, e.g. with Gmail.

Save and finish later.

Just submit before 31 October 2026.



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