



## DISCRETIONARY GRANT – UNEMPLOYED BURSARIES 2026/2027

The Safety and Security Sector Education and Training Authority (**SASSETA**) invites all unemployed South African youth aged **18-35** registered/accepted at Public Tertiary Institutions for the **2026** academic year to apply for unemployed Bursary Funding in the fields below.

### AVAILABLE GRANTS FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTH

While applications will be considered for all Occupations in High Demand as published by the Department of Higher Education & Training in 2024, priority will be given to students pursuing studies in the fields / qualifications below:

No.	Programme Name
South African youth aged <b>18 – 35</b> and wishing to study at South African universities in the fields below are invited to apply for grants using the mailbox below:	
1	LLB
2	Veterinary Science
3	STEM Qualifications- covering studies in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
4	Balance of the Target for Other Programmes: In addition to the priority fields listed, bursary funding will also be allocated to <b>other qualifications</b> aligned with <b>occupations in high demand</b> and those identified in the <b>Sector Skills Plans</b> .  <b>Important Note:</b> A comprehensive list of all eligible qualifications is available on the SASSETA advert banner for ease of reference. <b>Applicants may only submit applications for qualifications included in this official list</b>

### COMPULSORY DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT WITH APPLICATION

1. **Certified** ID Copy of Applicant, certification stamp not older than 6 months from the time of the application.
2. **Certified** copy of Matric/statement of results or Highest qualification, certification stamp not older than 6 months from the time of the application.
3. **Acceptance /Proof of Registration** for 2026 in a Public Tertiary Institution.
4. **Certified** copy of Parent / Guardian's ID, certification stamp not older than 6 months from the time of the application.
5. **Proof of Household Income and Employment Status-** Applicants must submit a valid affidavit confirming the total household income, specifying all sources of income, and indicating the employment status.

## FUNDING MODEL

Please refer to the Bursary Policy version 6 Funding Framework (published alongside this advert) for guidelines on the amounts per learner per programme. SASSETA will only approve applications according to the limits stated in the policy.

## SUBMISSION NOTES/ HOW TO APPLY

All applications must be submitted in strict accordance with the table provided below. Each applicant is permitted to submit only one application, and all required documents must be compiled and attached in a single email.

Bursary applicants are required to complete the official application form provided in the funding window advert, accessible on the **SASSETA website** under the **Discretionary Grants** banner. All **compulsory supporting documents** must be submitted along with the application.

No.	Programme name	Mailbox to submit applications too
1.	Unemployed Bursaries	Bursaries2026@SASSETA.ORG.ZA

## DISQUALIFICATION CRITERIA:

1. All applications must reach SASSETA **on or before 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 at 23:59 pm**. Incomplete (material information not provided) and Late applications would be **summarily disqualified without recourse**.
2. Duplicate submissions will not be considered.
3. Hand-delivered, posted, or couriered applications will not be accepted and will be automatically disqualified.
4. The total size of the attachments submitted should not **exceed 20MB**. (**Password-Protected Files and Time-Limited Access Links are not allowed, if attached your application will be disqualified**)
5. Any application forms that have been **modified or tampered** with will result in **automatic disqualification**.

## IMPORTANT NOTES

1. The funding window will open to receive applications from the **14<sup>th</sup> of December 2025** and will close at 23:59:59 (midnight) on the **30<sup>th</sup> of January 2026**. Incomplete (compulsory documentation not provided) applications will be summarily disqualified without recourse.
2. It is important that applicants who are awarded bursaries be accepted or registered to study in the 2026 academic year.
3. A three - phase evaluation process will be used to award grants – compliance checking, evaluation and adjudication. Only compliant applications will be evaluated.

4. Preference will be given to persons from the missing middle (combined household income of from **R350 000.01** up to **R600 000** per annum) and poor (household up to **R350 000** per annum) as well as marginalized communities.
5. If successful, the successful applicants will be required to sign Bursary Agreements with SASSETA.
6. Successful applicants will be required to provide sworn Affidavit on the SASSETA prescribed template confirming that the applicant is unemployed and not covered by NSFAS or Any Other Bursary Program at the point of contracting.
7. Applicants who have not received feedback 90 days after the above closing date may accept that their application is unsuccessful.
8. There are **limited** grant spaces available.
9. SASSETA reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of spaces available. SASSETA further reserves its right to not make any awards in respect of this advert.

For queries and assistance with regards to the advert and/or application process, please email [DG@sasseta.org.za](mailto:DG@sasseta.org.za) prior to the closing date and time.

**Closing Date: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 23:59:59 (Mid-night).**



A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by the date '09/12/25' written vertically.