



South Deep Education Trust Undergraduate Bursary Application Form 2027

1. Introduction

The South Deep Education Trust (SDET) introduced the Bursary Programme in 2015 with the aim of providing funding to Grade 12 learners who are provisionally accepted for tertiary education in the following year, and current tertiary students from the South Deep Mine's host communities.

If your application is successful, the bursary will cover the following costs:

- Full tuition
- Accommodation (on-campus and off-campus)
- Textbooks
- Equipment (on a case-by-case basis for specialised qualifications e.g., dentistry, architecture, engineering, etc.)
- Laptop allowance
- Monthly stipend (for 10 months)
- Personal development, mentorship support and additional tutoring

To ensure that students are well-rounded graduates who are prepared for the world of work, the bursary recipients are encouraged and supported to complete 1 week of vacation or volunteering work in their community once a year.

Note: The available bursaries are limited and will be awarded to qualifying applicants on a first-come, first-served basis.

APPLICATION DEADLINES: 06 NOVEMBER 2026

LATE AND/OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Only applicants who meet the following eligibility criteria will be considered for the bursary:

- Individuals from low-income households (i.e., total annual household income is R350 000 or less) from:
 - South Deep host community and surrounding areas (e.g., Westonaria, Bekkersdal, Simunye, Poortjie, Borwa, Hillshaven, Zuurbekom)
- **Must not** be a dependent of an employee of Gold Fields or any of its divisions or associated companies and/or a dependent of a Trustee of the South Deep Education and Community Trusts;



And

For Grade 12 applicants:

- **Must have achieved an average pass mark of 75% (excluding Life Orientation) for their National Senior Certificate;**
- Applicant must be provisionally accepted for the first year of study towards a diploma or degree in any technical or non-technical field of study at any **public university or public TVET college in South Africa;**
- **Must not have existing bursaries,** scholarships or any other form of funding assistance for their tertiary studies.

Or

For applicants currently at university/TVET college:

- **First-time applicants who are already pursuing their tertiary studies:** must have achieved an average pass mark of 65% in their most recent year of study.

Should the student have achieved 65% but failed a particular module, the Trust will not pay for the repeat module, and the student will be fully responsible for the cost of repeating the module.

- **Returning SDET bursary applicants:** must have passed the most recent year of study with an average pass mark of 50% and above.

Should the student have failed a particular module, the Trust will not pay for the repeat module, and the student will be fully responsible for the cost of repeating the module.

If you meet these criteria, **the application form can be accessed here:**
<https://tshikululu.grantplatform.com/>

- Applicants must register on the portal and thereafter complete the relevant application.

Guidelines on How to Apply

1. Log or register in to the portal (**<https://tshikululu.grantplatform.com/>**) and scroll to the bottom of the screen, where you will see the South Deep logo and the **Start Application** button.
2. Click **Start Application**.
3. Under the **Category** dropdown, select **South Deep Trusts** → **Bursary Programme** → **Undergraduate**, then proceed with your application.

Documents Required

Please have the following documents ready:

- A certified copy of your ID, with certification dated within the last three months.



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Master's reference no.: IT2711/2010 (G)

- Proof of address not older than 3 months, such as a bank letter or utility bill or a letter from the tribunal office.
- A bank confirmation letter issued within the last three months.
- Acceptance letter from a tertiary institution
- Official stamped or certified copy of academic results – this must clearly state personal details and the school or institution you are or we attending.
- Your parents' or guardians certified copies of IDs not older than 3 months
- Your parents or guardian's proof of income, pension or social grant receipt – if no proof of income – affidavit to the effect
- Tuition fee and/or accommodation estimation document

For any queries related to this bursary programme, please contact the South Deep Education Administration at southdeepeducation@tshikululu.org.za or call 011 544 0300 and press one for the Administration team.