

The NSFAS Disability Fund is a full-cost bursary aimed at providing financial support to students with disabilities who are financially eligible and academically able. Qualifying students are entitled to assistive devices (wheelchairs, hearing aids, adapted laptops etc.) and human/other support (caregivers, sign language interpreters, tutors, scribes, guide dogs etc.)



Criteria

- 1 Disabled*
- 2 South African citizen
- 3 Household income not more than R600k per annum
- 4 Studying or intending to study at a public university

* Primary disability must be an impairment that is long term (12 months), recurring and substantially limiting.

How to apply?

Online at www.nsfas.org.za or at your nearest NYDA office, within application dates publicly communicated by NSFAS.



The following documents are required to apply:

- 1 Certified ID copy of applicant
- 2 Certified ID copies of parents/guardian
- 3 Proof of income
- 4 Disability Annexure - signed by a doctor / Disability Unit / FAO / SSS official



Parameters

- 1 Tuition - paid at full cost
- 2 Books and learning materials – R6000 per annum
- 3 Meals – R20 000 per annum
- 4 Transport – determination delegated to university
- 5 Accommodation – pegged to university residence fees
- 6 N+3 (up to N+4 on appeal in exceptional circumstances)

Assistive Devices & Human/Other Support*

NB: All funded students need to be provided with laptops, which may be claimed under the Assistive Device allowance

- 1 Assistive Device - R50 000 once off
- 2 Human/Other Support - R50 000 per annum
- 3 Medical assessments - R2 000 once off

*includes guide dog

How to claim for assistive devices and human/other support

- 1 All Assistive Device and Human Support claims must be included in the registration template
- 2 Human Support Claim Form (accompanied by a certified ID copy of the service provider)
- 3 NB - All claims **must** be accompanied by corresponding quotations.

Once loaded on the registration template, all claims, with quotations, must be sent to DisabilitySupport@nsfas.org.za on a Disability Claim Sheet for approval.