

## LUCSA Bursary General Information Letter 2023

Dear Applicant, Local Pastor and Bishop

LUCSA administers different Development and Aid Programs, one of which is the LUCSA Bursary Program. The Bursary program is not a scholarship and therefore candidates must apply every year. LUCSA does not have a Bursary Office, so the bursary program is administered by the Administration Office.

The Objectives of the Bursary Program are as follow:

- ✓ To redress the past challenges of colonialism and apartheid and extreme levels of poverty;
- ✓ To provide assistance to individuals to acquire necessary skills that are essential to develop and enhance sustainable livelihoods through sound research and education;
- ✓ To encourage young people to participate fully in social development programs;
- ✓ To bridge the gender divide in order that girls too may have the opportunity to participate and develop alongside boys;
- ✓ To render support particularly to the poorest of the poor, children from child-headed households and single parent families, orphans and the disabled.

In order to attain these objectives the following priorities have been set:

- That 50% of the funding is employed towards Theological studies as students of theology struggle to get funding from other institutions.
- That school children in public schools and children with special needs also be priorities especially in the current economic climate.
- That 65% of all Bursaries be awarded to female applicants.
- That the study being funded be a first tertiary qualification as many institutions have funding models for post-graduate studies.
- Fields of study that will maximize employment opportunities are targeted.

As bursaries are based on individual need and applications go through a stringent screening process the following criteria apply

1. That the application is on-time
2. That the application is endorsed by a LUCSA member church i.e. pastor/bishop
3. That all required documentation is submitted
  - 3.1.1 Certified copies of your ID and your parent/guardian if under the legal age
  - 3.1.2 Latest schooling report/Matric certificate **OR** most recent academic transcript
  - 3.1.3 Proof of registration or acceptance letter
  - 3.1.4 Transcript of Fees and Banking details of the school or institution on the official letterhead
  - 3.1.5 Payslip of parent/guardian if under the legal age or an affidavit if unemployed
4. That applicants be honest and inform LUCSA of any other funding application and funds received.
5. After the bursary has been received the beneficiaries are required to submit their academic results for the year funded as well as provide us with a short narrative on how the funds assisted them in attaining their goal.

## Who may apply?



1	Students who are accepted or studying at Tertiary Institutions i.e. University, Technicon, Varsity, College etc. for their first post-school qualification	<b>Must submit proof of registration and acceptance letter.</b>
2	Scholars	<b>Must be grant recipients and registered at public schools. Must provide proof that parents are unemployed.</b>
3	Scholars with Special Needs	<b>Must provide proof of registration at a school for special needs.</b>

Due to the fact that LUCSA has only one funder funding the Bursary program - with funds decreasing every year, the bursary is a once-off assistance and cannot guarantee funding the same person every year.

The success of one's application therefore is influenced by all of the above objectives, priorities and requirements. Even so, **Applicants must also note that submitting your application does not guarantee that a bursary will be awarded.**

Member churches are therefore encouraged to share information on other bursaries and scholarships with their respective members. Applicants are encouraged to also source other means of funding their studies and speak to the financial offices at your institution of study.

The office will be in contact with all applicants to inform them of the outcome as soon as the screening and selection process is complete. The closing date for applications is **31 March 2023**

We trust that this provides enough clarity and wish you well with your studies.

Yours sincerely,

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**Executive Director**  
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### Member Churches

**Angola:** IELA **Botswana:** ELCB, ELCSA-BD, LCSA **Lesotho:** ELCSA-Mission Circuit **Malawi:** ELCM **Mozambique:** IELM **Namibia:** ELCIN, ELCRN, GELC **South Africa:** ELCSA, ELCSA (Cape Church), LCSA, MCSA, NELCSA **Swaziland:** ELCSA-ED **Zambia:** ELCZa, LECA **Zimbabwe:** ELCZ

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