

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 or TVET college

* 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 - no cap
- 2 Books and learning materials - R6000 p.a.
- 3 Meals - R20 000 p.a.
- 4 Transport - determined by university
- 5 Accommodation - pegged to university residence fees

Assistive devices & human/other support*

- 1 Assistive device - R47 000 once off
 - 2 Human/other support - R47 000 p.a.
 - 3 Medical assessments - R2 000 once off
 - 4 N+3 (up to N+4 on appeal in exceptional circumstances)
- *includes guide dog

How to claim for assistive devices and human/other support

- 1 Registration template
- 2 Disability claim sheet
- 3 Human Support claim form (accompanied by a certified ID copy of the carer)
- 4 NB - All claims **must** be accompanied by corresponding quotations. Claims must be emailed to DisabilitySupport@nsfas.org.za



TVET colleges must first exhaust their allocated ring-fenced funding (SNE) before submitting claims to NSFAS (proof of this may be required).