**JOHN DAVIDSON EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

APPLICATION FOR TRUST BURSARY 2017

The closing date for applications is **15 January, 2017**. The John Davidson Educational Trust (the Trust) will advise the University of the outcome of these awards in **February 2017.**

**Incomplete applications will not be passed on to the Trust.**

**SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY**

The John Davidson Educational Trust will fund Postgraduate students in the Engineering, Commerce and Management fields (Diploma, Honours, Masters or PhD).

To be eligible students must show academic suitability and financial need.

**SECTION 2: MOTIVATION FOR AWARD**

**Please note that the Trustees want to hear the VOICE of the applicant.**

**It is the responsibility of the applicant and University to make sure that the two essays requested below do not contain any plagiarism.**

**2.1 Curriculum Vitae –** provide brief details on one page about yourself and your academic records, including any other achievements such as leadership positions, community service or sporting achievements.

**2.2.1 Essay 1: Motivation: –** provide a **motivation**, **in** not more than 300 words, as towhy **YOU** should be awarded the bursary, using the following guidelines:

* What makes you “special” or “different”?
* What are your circumstances and the financial hardship that you face?
* What are your career goals, and how do these goals fit in with your personal strengths?
* Why have you chosen this qualification to study at postgraduate level, and how do you think it will help you with your career aspirations?

**2.2.2 Essay 2: Your Contribution to Society** - Write a SHORT essay (not more than 300 words) persuading the Trust to fund your studies.

* Describe which skills are scarce in the South African context.
* How do you think your choice of study will address this skills shortage?
* How will **YOU** make a difference using this qualification?
* In three years’ time what do you hope to be doing?

**SECTION 3**

**Please complete the following sections carefully and ensure you have attached all the required supporting documents to your application showing evidence of academic suitability and financial need.**

**3.1 PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT**

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| SURNAME |  |
| FIRST NAMES |  |
| TITLE |  |
| NATIONALITY |  |
| PROPOSED DEGREE COURSE IN 2017 |  |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS |  |
| CELL PHONE NUMBER |  |
| ID NUMBER (South Africans)  PASSPORT NUMBER and  STUDY PERMIT DETAILS  (non South Africans) |  |
| HOME ADDRESS |  |

**3.2 PROVIDE PROOF OF YOUR QUALIFICATIONS AND YOUR ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS.**

**3.3 STATE THE TOTAL AMOUNT YOU NEED FOR YOUR FEES.**

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NOTE: The extent of any bursary is entirely within the discretion of the Trust. Awards vary each year, based on the applicants’ needs and the level of the Trust’s income.

**3.4 FINANCIAL NEEDS – Provide supporting documents such as salary slip or bank statement**

**PARTICULARS OF PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING YOUR FEES AND/OR LIVING COSTS**

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| Parent/Guardian |  | Self |  | Spouse/life partner |  |

**Assets and Liabilities of the person who is paying your fees**

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| **Item** | **Details** | **Value** |
| House |  |  |
| Car |  |  |
| Other Assets |  |  |
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**Income and Expenses of the person who is paying your fees**

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| **Item** | **Details** | **Amount** |
| Total (gross) income per month |  |  |
| Total expenses each month |  |  |
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**If you are self-supporting, details of your assets and liabilities, and monthly income and expenses.**

**Assets and Liabilities**

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| **Item** | **Details** | **Value** |
| House |  |  |
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**Income and Expenses**

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| **Item** | **Details** | **Amount** |
| Total (gross) income per month |  |  |
| Total expenses each month |  |  |
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**List all persons who are dependent on the above income. Start with your own name**

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| **Name** | **Relationship to you** | **Age** | **Occupation** | **Employer (if employed)** |
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**SECTION 4: STUDENT LOANS AND FINANCIAL AID TO DATE**

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| **Name of funder and nature of funding (e.g. loan/bursary/scholarship)** | **Date granted** | **Amount** | **If repayable, terms of repayment** |
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**SECTION 5: FUNDING, AWARDS, BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS THAT YOU HAVE ALSO APPLIED FOR**

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**SECTION 6: OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION THAT YOU WOULD LIKE THE TRUSTEES TO CONSIDER**

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**SECTION 7: DECLARATION BY APPLICANT:**

I (*insert your name*)…………………………………………………………. have completed this application myself and the details given are complete and correct.

I understand that should any information be plagiarised, omitted or found to be incorrect, disciplinary action may be taken against me by the University.

Signature: …………………………………………………….. Date: ………………………………………………………

**SECTION 8: CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS NEEDED**

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|  | DOCUMENTATION | Please tick |
| 1 | Two certified copies of your ID document or (if you are not South African) two certified copies of your Passport and Study Permit. |  |
| 2. | Certified copies of academic transcripts from your previous studies. |  |
| 3. | If your parents/guardians are deceased or divorced, a certified copy of the death certificate/s or divorce decree (including details of any maintenance payments). A sworn affidavit may also be required. |  |
| 4. | If your parents/guardian/spouse/life partner is/are employed – a certified copy of the most recent pay slip for each such person or a letter from their employer, giving full details of gross income and all other benefits, including nett salary. |  |
| 5. | If your parents/guardian/spouse/life partner are unemployed, a sworn affidavit signed by the unemployed person/s before a commissioner of oaths proving that they are unemployed. |  |
| 6. | If your parents/guardian are pensioners, a certified copy of their most recent pension slips. If your parents/guardian receive a State pension and pension slip/s are not available, a sworn affidavit stating the amount that is received each month by each pensioner |  |

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| 7. | If you are on study leave, a certified copy of your approved leave form, or letter from your employer confirming that you have been granted study leave for the period of your studies |  |
| 8. | If you have indicated that you are self-supporting, proof of your income (pay slips, bank statements, proof of income from investments, savings, etc) to show source of income for the year of study. |  |
| 9. | If you have siblings who are also students provide proof of their student registration. |  |
| 11. | One page *Curriculum Vitae* – See Section 2.1 |  |
| 12. | Motivation essay – See Section 2.2.1 |  |
| 13. | Contribution to society essay – See Section 2.2.2 |  |

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL THE ABOVE DOCUMENTATION, WHERE APPLICABLE, IS ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION FORM.**

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**