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**OPENING DATE:** 1st September 2026

**CLOSING DATE:** 22 September 2026



**APPLY ONLINE:**

<https://thebefdn.auraams.app/Home/Index?applicationTypeId=327>



Please use your mobile internet or an alternative WIFI source when you are accessing the application website, because your university network might block the link.



If you have any queries contact us at [bursaries@thebe.co.za](mailto:bursaries@thebe.co.za)



## 2027 THEBE FOUNDATION TRUST DR EJ MABUZA SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr EJ Mabuza Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 in honour of Dr Enos Mabuza, and the critical role he played in the establishment of Thebe Investment Corporation together with Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu and Beyers Naude.

The initiative aims to support financially needy students at higher education institutions, thereby contributing to the development of graduates who are confident and proud of their African identity and heritage, academically and socially adept, and equipped with the skills and competencies enabling them to become professionals in their fields.



### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1 Applicants must be under 35 years of age (at the time of applying)
- 2 Applicants must be South African citizens.
- 3 Applicants must be UNEMPLOYED and pursuing a FULL-TIME qualification (Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Degree/Honours, or Masters) [Excluding Phd]. For master's applicants the research topic will form part of selection criteria.
- 4 Applicants must be pursuing their qualification-level for the first time (i.e., not repeating a degree-year, honours, etc)
- 5 Good academic record with an average pass rate of 60% and above (for your last full-year of academic enrolment)
- 6 Household income below R600K per year.
- 7 Defined as a Black Designated Group according to BBBEE (ie, Africans, Coloureds, Indians and Asian)
- 8 Applicants must be pursuing a qualification or intending to pursue a qualification at PUBLIC tertiary institution registered with DHET and SAQA. (This includes community colleges and Technical Vocational Education|ITS)
- 9 The bursary will be allocated to students who have enrolled in Bachelor or Diploma programs majoring in the following fields of study at Public Tertiary institutions:  
**Accounting, Corporate Finance, Finance, Engineering, Agriculture, Education/BEd (specializing in Mathematics and Technology), Logistics, Renewable Energy, ICT, Media Information and Communication. TVET Artisans need to be in the following skills programs: Electricians, Plumbing, Mechanics, Solar Voltaic Service Technicians, and Millwright.**

### THE BURSARY COVERS:



Tuition fees, textbooks, accredited accommodation costs, meals and a transport allowance for those students living at home.



The Thebe Foundation Trust provides support services at all stages of this programme, to ensure that all recipients are supported in their academic efforts and successfully graduate at the end of their studies.



The bursary DOES NOT cover historical debt (ie, incurred before 2027). Discovery that an applicant has historical debt (even if it's after they are given an offer/pledge or bursary contract), can lead to a termination or cancellation of the bursary (at the Bursary provider's sole discretion).



Successful Applicants will be required to terminate any other funding (NSFAS, etc) if they accept the bursary offer.