

BENEFITS FOR QUALIFYING SACTWU MEMBERS ONLY



Bursary Benefit 2023

Sactwu offers a Bursary Fund to qualifying Sactwu members, their children, legally adopted children, their husbands and wives that are studying at Public Universities and Private Institutions that are registered under the Department of Higher Education.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1.WHO QUALIFIES?

- Sactwu member who has paid up union fees as at the end of July of the previous year and has met all the requirements of the bursary rules as stated on the bursary application form. This member is then referred to as a qualifying member of the Sactwu Bursary Fund.

2.WHO CAN APPLY?

- Sactwu qualifying members
- Sactwu qualifying member's spouse
- Sactwu qualifying member's children and legally adopted children who are 25 years or younger and are unemployed.

3.WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED LEGAL DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WHEN APPLYING FOR MEMBER'S SPOUSE?

- Certified copy of marriage certificate

4.WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED LEGAL DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WHEN THE MEMBER IS A BIOLOGICAL PARENT?

- Certified copy of an unabridged birth certificate from Home Affairs indicating the names of the parent, this applies to all members' biological children.

5.WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED LEGAL DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WHEN THE MEMBER IS A GUARDIAN?

- Letter from court or department of social development
- Member's marriage certificate, ID of both member and spouse ID
- The death certificate of child's biological parents

6.WHICH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF STUDY DOES SACTWU FUND?

- Public Universities
- Private Institutions that are registered with the Department of Higher Education for more info visit our Sactwu website:
<http://www.sactwu.org.za/bursary>

7. DOES SACTWU FUND FET / TVET COLLEGES?

- No, Sactwu does not pay bursaries to FET / TVET Colleges

8. DO I HAVE TO APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT FREE FUNDING?

- Yes, you have to enquire at the NSFAS at the University about whether you qualify for Government Funding. Since Government Funding covers 100% of fees, we urge all applicants at University to apply. Should you qualify for Government Funding then you will not qualify for a Sactwu Bursary? However, if your application for Government Funding is unsuccessful then you can apply for a Sactwu Bursary

10. DOES SACTWU PAY THE FULL 100% OF TUITION FEES?

- NO, Sactwu does not pay 100% of the tuition fees. Refer to the question below which provides detailed information of the qualifying bursary amount

11. HOW MUCH DOES SACTWU CONTRIBUTE TO BURSARIES?

In respect to qualifying members and their children and legally adopted children:

- 75% of the tuition fees per academic year subject to a maximum of R23,450 for studies at Public Universities
- 75% of the tuition fees per academic year up to a maximum of R4,690 for studies at Private Institutions that are registered with the Department of Higher Education.
- The bursary covers up to R4,690 for private institutions, therefore it is important for an arrangement to be made with the institution for a monthly debit order to avoid the student from been suspended.

In respect to qualifying member's spouse:

- Half of the of the qualifying bursary amount as indicated above. This means 50% of whatever the bursary qualifying amount is.

12. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE AND HOW DOES IT AFFECT THE BURSARY AWARD?

- Member's children and legally adopted children who have received a Sactwu Bursary are required to do 50 hours of voluntary community service.
- Although this is voluntary, should the child not do community service then a penalty will apply to the qualifying bursary amount.
- After this penalty is applied the bursary amount will be less than the qualifying bursary.
- Should a student do more than the required 50 hours of community service this does not mean that the bursary amount will be 100% of the tuitions fees. In other words, it means that the student will receive an 80% of the qualifying bursary amount.

13. DOES THE BURSARY COVER RESIDENCE/ BOOKS / MEALS /TRANSPORT?

- No, the Bursary does not cover residence, books, meals or transport. The Bursary only covers tuition fees

14. I AM A SACTWU QUALIFYING MEMBER CAN I APPLY FOR A BURSARY FOR MY BROTHER'S AND SISTER'S CHILDREN?

- Only if your brother or sister are deceased and you have legal documents proving that you are the legal guardian for the children

15. I AM A SACTWU QUALIFYING MEMBER CAN I APPLY FOR A BURSARY FOR MY GRAND CHILDREN?

- Only if the mother and father of your grand child is deceased and you have legal documents proving that you are the legal guardian for the child

16. I AM A SACTWU QUALIFYING MEMBER CAN I APPLY FOR A BURSARY FOR MY PARTNER?

- Only if you are legally married to your partner and have a marriage certificate as proof

17. DO I APPLY FOR A SACTWU BURSARY FOR EVERY YEAR?

- Yes, every year of study a new bursary application must be completed and sent to our offices with the results and statements as required

18. DO I APPLY FOR A SACTWU BURSARY FOR EVERY SEMESTER?

- This only applies if you have registered for a semester course. In other words, you have only registered for modules for the 1st semester and will need to register for modules for the 2nd semester. It does not apply where you have registered for the full year

19. HOW CAN I APPLY FOR A SACTWU BURSARY?

- You got to complete a Sactwu bursary application form. Forms are available before the end of the year at Sactwu offices and on the Sactwu Bursary website :
<http://www.sactwu.org.za/bursary>
- You can ask for assistance from any Sactwu Office to complete the bursary application form which is a service that is offered free of any charges.

20. WHAT IS THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE BURSARY APPLICATIONS?

- The closing date for the full year and the 1st semester is the last day in February and the 2nd semester is the 2nd week in August.

The Union retains sole discretion in declining or accepting any bursary application and may change the rules at any stage without notice. This decision of approving and declining a bursary application is as per the bursary rules and not by any staff member.

For more information, kindly contact the Sactwu Bursary Department on 031 015 5510 or the nearest Sactwu Office.

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