



Businesswomen's Association Postgraduate Bursary

1. About the Bursary

Since 1988, the Businesswomen's Association has been awarding postgraduate bursaries to deserving women students at Honours, Masters and Doctorate level in all disciplines.

2. Application Requirements

- South African women with a valid ID number are eligible to apply
- Member of the BWA in good standing
- Applicants must hold an undergraduate degree from a recognised tertiary institution
- Preference will be given to candidates with a proven record of academic excellence (an aggregate of 65% and above) from a recognised academic institution
- Pursuing a postgraduate degree / diploma
- Completed and signed application form with accompanying documents (see *Application for Bursary* on page 3) by **31 October 2016**

3. Bursary Amounts

The Bursary fund is accumulated from the proceeds of the Businesswoman of the Year Awards, which fluctuates every year. This may, therefore, result in a partial contribution towards the overall cost of the academic programme. The bursary awarded will cover one academic year only. The recipient awarded the bursary will need to re-apply for any subsequent years of their academic programme should the programme be longer than one academic year. This, however, does not guarantee automatic selection for the next bursary to be awarded.

The bursary will contribute towards:

- Registration
- Tuition

4. Application Procedure

Application forms can be found online: <http://bwasa.co.za/bursary>

Applications are to be emailed through to programmes1@bwasa.co.za by 31 October 2016

5. Shortlisting Process

Bursary applications are short listed according to the following criteria:

- The applicant is pursuing a course of study that will add value to the Association and to the South African socio-economic landscape
- All shortlisted candidates will be required to present themselves in an interview, either in person or via an electronic medium such as Skype if not based in Gauteng.
- Successful applicants will be informed in writing via email by 30 November 2016. Kindly ensure that all contact details are correct on the application form.

6. Obligations of bursary recipient

- Repayment: The BWA does not currently require bursary recipients to repay the bursary. However, should the recipient fail, she will be required to repay the bursary.
- Access to research: In such cases where the Businesswomen's Association has given a bursary to a student to conduct research such as in the case of a thesis, the Businesswomen's Association would have access to the research generated and the opportunity to participate in generating the research should that be required by the student
- Commitment to serve the BWA for a year: The Bursary recipient will be expected to commit to serving the BWA by signing a voluntary service agreement with the association. Service to the BWA could consist of:
 - Joining a regional executive committee and serving as a committee member, or
 - Adopting any of the BWA programmes and championing the programme, or
 - Speaking at regional events across the country, or
 - Assisting with fund raising for the BWA.

Application For Bursary

Submit completed form with supporting documentation by 31 October 2016 to programmes1@bwasa.co.za

Please complete the form below should you wish to apply for a BWA Bursary or apply online: <http://bwasa.co.za/bursary>

Note: no application can be finalised unless the required documentation has been received along with the completed application form

1. Surname, initials, title (e.g. Khumalo N Ms)														
2. (i) Full names														
(ii) Preferred name														
3. Maiden name and/or previous surnames														
4. Date of birth	YY	MM	DD											
5. Identity number														
6. Physical disabilities	(i) None			(ii) Other (specify)										
7. Contact details	Tel (h)		()											
	Tel (w)		()											
	Cell		()											
8. Email address	Work													
	Home													
9. (i) Physical address														
											Postal code			
(ii) Postal address														
											Postal code			
10. Employer														
11. Job title														
12. Home language														
13. Population group (for statistical purposes only)														
14. Highest qualification(s) attained (please enclose proof)														
Institution(s) (e.g. UJ, Unisa, UCT)	Degree(s)/diploma(s) (e.g. BA, BCOM)			Year(s) (e.g. 2004-2008)				Student number(s)						

<p>15. Tell us about yourself in 150 words or less</p>	
<p>16. Have you been involved in any community development projects? If so, provide detail on the projects you have been involved in</p>	
<p>17. If you are undertaking a dissertation or thesis, briefly explain how your research will potentially contribute to the South African landscape / If not then how will your chosen field of study potentially contribute to the South African landscape</p>	
<p>18. Briefly explain why you selected this field of study / research</p>	

19. By signing this form, I hereby give permission to the Businesswoman’s Association of South Africa (BWASA) to gain access to the research generated and the opportunity to participate in generating the research should that be required by the student.

20. **Declaration and undertaking:** I declare that all the particulars furnished by me are true and correct, and I undertake to comply with the rules, regulations and decisions of BWASA, and any amendments thereto.

21. Please include the following documents with the completed and signed application form.
Failure to submit these documents with your application form will result in your application not being processed.

- i. A certified copy of your ID document
- ii. A certified copy of your latest academic results
- iii. One testimonial from an academic member of staff
- iv. CV
- v. Motivational letter for why you require the bursary (no more than one page)
- vi. Proof of admission by the University or a proof of payment for admission

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	Yes	No
A		
B		
C		
D		
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F		

22. Your signature on the application for selection form implies that:

- The required documentation is included with the application
- You declare that you will obey the rules of the BWASA agreement
- You accept that all communication will be in English

23. A limited number of students are selected every year and it may happen that a person who meets all the above-mentioned requirements does not get awarded a bursary.

24. Successful applicants will be informed in writing via email by 30 November 2016.

How did you hear about this bursary?

APPLICANT NAME

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

PLACE

DATE

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APPLICATION ACCEPTED _____

DATE _____