

STUDENT EDUCATION BURSARY PROGRAMME

Our bursary programme for tertiary education students from Masiphumelele works with the State student loan scheme, NSFAS. It augments the State scheme to make it possible for students, all from very poor families in the township, to enter university with the best possible chance to graduate successfully.

The step-up from life in a township shack to studying at university is very challenging for these students – our bursary provides support in many ways and has been developed over the past 10 years. We have assisted more than 50 students - they know how education can be the best route from poverty to a decent life.

Such is the scale of the challenge for a township student at university that not every bursary student will succeed, but most do – our drop-out rate is under 15% compared with the national average of almost 60% in South Africa.

Our bursary provides students with:

- Vocational and university course counseling to help them make the right initial decisions.
- Guidance to help choose a college or university and transport and other costs associated with the application process.
- Initial and annual registration fees.
- Help to find accommodation, equip it with the basics and to settle-in.
- Private top-up tuition that may be required to cope with the course — most often English and math.
- A lap top computer and related training.
- Top-up facility for books and stationery.
- Top-up facility for subsistence [food and toiletries etc.].
- An experienced mentor — a member of our Masicorp team — who will act as their friend, guide and advisor throughout their time in the bursary programme.
- Frequent contact with us and annual reviews.
- Invitations to attend regular get-togethers with fellow Masicorp students.
- Help to keep their parents informed about their new student life.
- Help to manage their NFAS loan commitments.

***The cost of our bursary? For a 3 or 4 year course—22,000 annually [\$2,000/£1,250]
or 3 years: 66,000 [\$6,000/£3,750], 4 years: R88,000 [\$8,000/£5,000]***

We invite you to sponsor a student and so help them help to themselves out of poverty. Sponsors can support an individual student or share the costs with family or friends or contribute any amount to our general bursary fund.

Payments can be made annually or monthly and can be tax exempt in SA, USA and UK.



Living in a one room shack, with all your family, with too little food, parents who are barely educated themselves, no prospect of family financial support—university is a very big step. With your help for our bursary programme, it is possible. Without, it is a daunting prospect and most of those that do get as far as the first term, drop out long before graduation.

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