

Financial Aid office:

The office boasts a dedicated team of 13 individuals, including our Head of Department Mr. Wayne Muller. Students/prospective students are encouraged to make enquiries to the team, and keep check of the internal Financial Aid portal (<https://finaid.mandela.ac.za/#>) for other topics and information not shared in this presentation.

The portal will be kept up-to-date with information.

The Financial Aid Offices are located at the following campuses:

North Campus- New Admin Building (Building 260)

George Campus- Mopani Building Room 002

Missionvale Campus- Ground Floor, Administration Building 501

Financial Aid office:

Vision

To assist all financially needy and academically deserving students with Financial Aid.

Mission

The central mission of Financial Aid is the facilitation of the learning process for all students and the cultivation of an environment which enriches and supports learning and holistic development of internal and external stakeholders.

To achieve our mission, we must be characterised by:

- Encouraging all students to strive for excellence in all their activities
- Staying learner-centred
- Solving problems innovatively
- Forging partnerships with academic faculties and other relevant stakeholders

Financial Aid office:

- Adopting an integrated approach to the delivery of student services and programmes
- Advocating lifelong learning
- Adhering to best practice norms and behaviours
- Displaying a commitment to research and assessment
- Consulting widely within the university and externally on relevant issues

1.NSFAS Funding:

What is The National Student Financial Aid Scheme? (NSFAS)

NSFAS was established in terms of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (Act 56 of 1999)

The mission statement is made up of three well defined elements, which describe why NSFAS exists and its impact on the people it serves:

- NSFAS exists to provide financial aid to eligible students at public TVET colleges and public universities;
- NSFAS identifies eligible students, provides bursaries and collects past student loan repayments to replenish the funds available for future generations of students; and,
- NSFAS supports access to, and success in, higher education and training for students from poor and working-class families who would otherwise not be able to afford to study

NSFAS students and prospective NSFAS students are required to open and regularly check their myNSFAS accounts for NSFAS funding related information.

To log into your myNSFAS go to www.nsfas.org.za , go to the myNSFAS tab and follow the log in process explained on screen.

Follow us on social media for the latest NSFAS information:

Facebook: National Student Financial Aid Scheme
Twitter: myNSFAS
Instagram: myNSFAS

NSFAS Toll Free number is: 0800 067 327.

What does the bursary cover?

- Accommodation
- Transport
- Living allowance
- Book allowances
- Incidental/personal care allowance
- Registration
- Tuition
- Funded students with disabilities need to submit claims for Assistive Devices and Human Support directly to the university's Student Support Services/Financial Aid office.

Who qualifies for NSFAS funding?

- All South African citizens
- All SASSA grant recipients (automatic qualification for this group, when applying for funding)
- Applicants whose combined household income is not more than R350 000 per annum
- Persons with a disability with a combined household income not more than R600 000 per annum

Additional support:

- NSFAS funded students who have a disability are further supported through an additional allowance.
- Please contact the Disability Unit or Financial Aid Office at your university for assistance.
- Below are the Additional Allowances;
- Medical Assessment: Limited to one assessment for the duration of the qualification and on request by the Disability Unit/ Student Support
- Assistive Devices: Limited to one Assistive Device for the duration of study.
- Human Support: To cover for the cost of a caregiver, guide dog, scribe, tutor or sign language interpreter

Email queries to be sent to:

FinancialAid@mandela.ac.za

Telephone queries:

041 504 1242

NSFAS does not provide financial aid in the following instances:

- Students who have received loans, bursaries or scholarships from non-NSFAS sources to the extent that these defray their cost of study or allowances. (To the extent that these do not cover the full cost of study, NSFAS funding will be considered provided that all eligibility criteria are met.)
- Students who have already obtained a first undergraduate qualification (regardless of whether or not students received funding from NSFAS previously). Students who have already obtained a first certificate qualification (regardless of whether or not students received funding from NSFAS previously) and are registering for a second certificate qualification.
- Students studying at an institution other than a public University or a public TVET College.
- Students enrolled for qualifications that are not on the approved list.

Nelson Mandela University also has the following merit bursaries available to students that are excelling academically:

- Scholar Merit Awards (for 1st year students with excellent Matric grades)
- Student Merit Awards (for current students with excellent grades)

POSTGRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP: 2022

- The qualifications considered for this Scholarship are: Advance Diplomas, PG Diplomas, PG Certificates and BTech's that are offered full-time.
- No Application is required as students are identified by using the Applicable Rules/Criteria:
- The award is an once-off amount valid for the academic year 2022 and capped at a maximum of R35,000.
- Priority is given to the payment of Tuition costs. If there is a balance thereafter, then allowances to the maximum of R7,000 (once-off amount) can be allocated.
- The award does not cover accommodation costs.
 - You must be a South African citizen; it must be your first registration at this level of study; and you must register as a full-time postgraduate student to qualify for the Post-graduate student scholarship

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