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An annual guide to:

High School Scholarships in South Africa



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INTRODUCTION

Education sets the course for the rest of our lives. But there are still massive barriers to education in South Africa – despite the best efforts of parents and guardians.

We know you want your child to access the best opportunities. So do we. That’s why we set out on our mission to provide quality, affordable learning to high schoolers all across our country – no matter where they’re located.

And while UCT Online High School is the cheapest private High School in South Africa, it’s still out of reach for 80% of South Africans. Despite the need, funding opportunities for high school learners are scarce, and application information is hard to come by.

To help bridge this gap and play our part in remedying our education crisis, we’re launching the Learning Liberated

Scholarship Programme for UCT Online High School learners.

To commemorate the launch, we collated key resources on high school scholarships in South Africa for both online and physical schools – so you have everything you need to know to access funding opportunities.¹

This information is, to the best of our knowledge and according to publicly available information, relevant and up-to-date. If you find a scholarship you’re interested in applying for, we recommend reaching out to the funder directly to confirm details.²

“We know you want your child to access the best opportunities. So do we.”

In this guide, you’ll find:

1. summaries of the scholarships on offer
2. timelines for scholarship applications
3. breakdowns of available scholarships, from corporates, foundations and individual schools
4. tips on strengthening your scholarship application
5. insights into the UCT Online High School Learning Liberated Scholarship Programme

¹This guide is not a competitive ranking of scholarships. We did our best to ensure all information presented in this guide is relevant and up-to-date, using publicly available resources online. If you find that our information is incomplete or inadvertently misleading, please contact us, providing the details at enquiries@valentureinstitute.com.

²This guide has been commissioned as a public service, by the Valenture Institute, which runs UCT Online High School in partnership with the University of Cape Town. In compiling the guide, we’ve made use of publicly available information, including the websites and brochures of all organisations and institutions referenced here, including for UCT Online High School.



What’s the **difference between** a scholarship and a bursary?

While the terms scholarship and bursary are often used interchangeably, there are essential differences between the two.

Both refer to the exchange of funds for education, but there are often differences in how scholarships and bursaries are granted.



Scholarships are typically awarded to learners based on academics, or another area of achievement, such as skill in music or sport. They are not usually based on need (although some scholarship programmes do factor this in).



Bursary recipients are usually selected based on personal circumstances. This may be because a learner comes from a disadvantaged background, lives in a low-income household, or resides in a particular area.

The recipients of scholarships and bursaries do not need to repay the funds received for their education. Although there may be other requirements, such as maintaining a specific level of academic achievement.

For the purpose of this guide, we’ll be using the term scholarships across the board. But be sure to confirm these details when making any applications.



Scholarship requirements

Each individual scholarship programme listed in this guide will have individual criteria. These are listed, in detail, later in the guide.

However, most scholarships have a few things in common.

Applicants must:

1. meet scholarship criteria (academic achievement, sporting achievement, financial need, etc)
2. complete an application form
3. provide certified, supporting documentation
 - (a) **applicant documentation** (ID document/birth certificate, latest academic records)
 - (b) **parent or guardian documentation** (ID documents, divorce decree (if applicable), death certificate/s (if applicable), proof of guardianship)
 - (c) **financial documentation** (payslips, unemployment records, pension documents, grant documents etc, or all parents and guardians)
4. complete every section of the application form and provide all the required documentation, otherwise the application will be disqualified.



Who offers scholarships?

Scholarships are typically offered through three kinds of entities: corporates, foundations and specific schools.

Corporate Scholarships:

- 1. Allan Gray Orbis Foundation
- 2. Investec CSI Bursary Programme
- 3. SANRAL Scholarship
- 4. KFC Ikusasa Lethu Scholarship



Foundation Scholarships:

- 1. African Scholars Fund
- 2. Kay Mason Foundation
- 3. Make a Difference Leadership Foundation
- 4. Ruta Sechaba Foundation
- 5. Students for a Better Future Foundation



School Scholarships:

- 1. Learning Liberated Scholarship Programme and others



What do scholarships cover? (Part 1)

									
Allan Gray Orbis Foundational Physical and online schools only.	Investec CSI Bursary Programme Physical schools only.	SANRAL Scholarship Physical schools only.	KFC Ikusasa Lethu Scholarship Physical and online schools only.	Key Mason Foundation Physical schools only.	Ruta Sechaba Foundation Physical and online schools only.	Students for a Better Future Foundation Physical schools only.	African Scholars Fund Physical schools only.	Make a Difference Leadership Foundation Physical schools only.	Learning Liberated Scholarship Programme Available for UCT Online High School only.

Additional extras	✓	This information is not publicly available.	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓		This information is not publicly available.	✓
Boarding fees	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗			✗
Casual clothing	✓		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗			✗
Devices	✗		✗	✓	✗	✓	✗			✗
Monthly allowances	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗			✗
School transport	✗		✗	✓	✗	✗	✗			✗

What do scholarships cover? (Part 2)

									
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Stationary	✓	This information is not publicly available.	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗		This information is not publicly available.	✗
Support for extra-curriculars	✓		✓	✓	✗	✗	✗			✗
Textbooks	✓		✓	✓	✗	✓	✗			✗
Toiletries	✓		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗			✗
Tuition fees	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Uniforms	✓		✓	✓	✗	✗	✗			✗

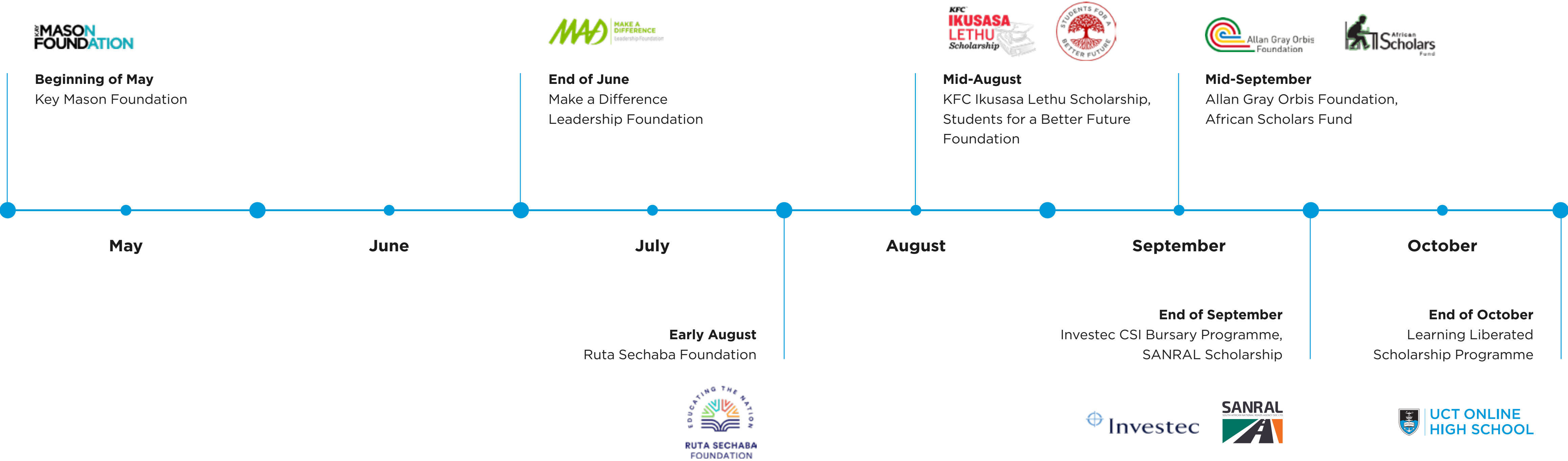
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Grade 6	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
Grade 7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Grade 8	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Grade 9	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Grade 10	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Grade 11	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓

Note: Applications for scholarships submitted in Grade 6 are submitted two years prior to a high school placement (e.g. applications submitted in 2023 will be for high school placement in 2025).

Due dates for applications



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Corporate Scholarships

In a country with a massive educational gap, all sectors have an important role to play. Private enterprises are a vital part of the education ecosystem in South Africa.

Often corporate scholarships and bursaries form a part of an organisation’s corporate social responsibility or corporate social investment (CSI) programme and aim to increase educational access to all.

With funding from the business sector, families are able to meet their educational goals without worrying about student loans.

While corporate funding for tertiary education is more common, the following corporate scholarships cater to high school learners:

- Allan Gray Orbis Foundation
- Investec CSI Bursary Programme
- SANRAL Scholarship
- KFC Ikusasa Lethu Scholarship





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Allan Gray Orbis Foundation

This scholarship programme aims to develop a community of young leaders with an entrepreneurial outlook. So, while the programme does provide financial support for high school learners, entrepreneurial development is a major focus.

Note: Applications must be submitted two years prior to a high school school placement (e.g. application submitted in 2023 will be for high school placement in 2025.)

What does the scholarship cover?

Tuition	Boarding*	Stationary	Textbooks	Allowance
Toiletries	Uniforms	Casual clothes	Extra-curricular	

*if applicable

Scholarship holders will have access to:

Workshops, speakers and seminars; An annual entrepreneurial conference; An online learning campus; and Mentorship.

What documents are required for the application?



Applicant documentation

- Birth certificate
- ID document
- Black and white passport photo
- Grade 5 school report (term 4)
- Grade 6 school report (term 1 or 2)



Parent/guardian documentation

- ID documents for all parents/guardians
- Divorce decree*
- Proof of legal guardianship*
- Death certificate(s)*



Financial documentation

- **If employed:** proof of income, latest payslips and three months bank statements
- **If self-employed:** income tax statements and six months business account bank statements
- **If unemployed:** original affidavit, stating reasons and period of unemployment
- **If retired:** proof of pension

*If applicable

What are the requirements to apply?

1. Be a Grade 6 learner
2. Be a South African Citizen
3. Be 12 years of age, or 11 turning 12
4. Demonstrate financial need (household income must not exceed a monthly gross income of R20,000)
5. Obtain a minimum overall average of 70% for all subjects in Grade 5 and 6
6. Obtain a minimum of 70% for both English and Mathematics in Grade 5 and 6
7. Demonstrate the following entrepreneurial characteristics: a growth mindset, self-efficacy, leadership, opportunity identification, curiosity and problem-solving

Deadline: mid-September

School criteria

There are **over 30 placement schools** affiliated with the foundation. Although every effort is made to place learners at a school within their home province, available spaces are limited so the foundation may recommend a school for placement.

It's important to remember that the scholarship also covers boarding fees. Affiliated placement schools may be subject to change.

Check directly with Allan Gray Orbis Foundation to make sure your preferred school is recognised as a placement school.

Website: allangrayorbis.org/scholarship-programme/

Contact Details: allangrayorbis.org/contact-us/

Apply online.

If the application is accepted, write the foundation exam in Mathematics and English.

Attend an interview with the foundation (successful candidates only).

Attend an interview with the placement school (successful candidates only).

Candidates whose recommendations are approved by the placement schools will be awarded the scholarship.

Once the scholarship is awarded, the foundation, placement school, and the parent/guardian(s) sign a Memorandum of Agreement.



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Investec CSI Bursary Programme

This scholarship programme focuses on providing support for learners from township and rural schools. Recipients must demonstrate academic potential, particularly in Maths and Science.

What does the scholarship cover?

This information is not publicly available. Please contact the Investec CSI Bursary Programme directly for this information.



What documents are required for the application?

Applicant documentation

- ID document
- An essay about your life
- For Grade 10 learners: Grade 9 school report (mid-year and final results) and Grade 10 school report (mid-term results)
- For Grade 11 learners: Grade 10 report (mid-year and final results) and Grade 11 report (mid-term results)
- For Grade 12 learners: Grade 11 report (mid-year and final results) and Grade 12 report (mid-term results)
- Testimonial by an education official
- Testimonial by a community leader

Parent/guardian documentation

- Divorce decree*
- Proof of legal guardianship*
- Death certificate/s*

Financial documentation

- **If employed:** latest payslips
- **If self-employed:** latest financial statements
- **If unemployed:** original affidavit, stating reasons and period of unemployment,
- **If retired:** proof of pension
- **If SASSA recipient:** proof of SASSA grant

*If applicable

What are the requirements to apply?

1. Be a Grade 10, 11 or 12 learner
2. Be a South African citizen
3. Be able to prove financial need and academic potential
4. Display good academic potential in the fields of Maths, Accounting and Science (learners who intend to do Maths Literacy are not eligible)
5. Obtain at least 70% in all subjects with a minimum of 70% in Maths (not Maths Literacy) and 70% in English
6. Be enrolled at a school that meets Investec's criteria for a minimum of one year at the time of application (see information on placement schools to determine if your school meets the criteria)

School criteria

Applicants must have been enrolled at a school that meets the below criteria for a minimum of one year at the time of application.

The school should have:

1. a minimum of 75% of their learners taking Maths
2. 90% matric pass rate (minimum)
3. 80% university entrance qualification
4. 75% of learners should get 50% or above in Maths (not Maths Literacy)
5. A high English pass rate with at least 80% of learners obtaining above 50%.

If you're unsure if your school meets the criteria, you can contact Investec.

Deadline: End of September



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SANRAL Scholarship

This programme offers a limited number of scholarships to help young learners grow their skills and achieve success.

Note: Applications must be submitted two years prior to a high school school placement (e.g. application submitted in 2023 will be for high school placement in 2025.)

What does the scholarship cover?

Tuition 	Boarding* 	Stationary 	Textbooks 	School transport* 
Uniforms 	Extra-curricular 			

*if applicable

Scholarship holders will have access to:

- a Learner Support Programme to help learners prepare for studying and academic success
- career information and guidance
- psychological counselling, career coaching, extra classes and exam preparation subject to a needs-based assessment.

What documents are required for the application?



Applicant documentation

- An unabridged birth certificate or ID document
- June academic results
- Letter of motivation (personal, parent/guardian and school)



Parent/guardian documentation

- ID documents for all parents/guardians
- Marriage certificate*
- Divorce decree*
- Letter from Home Affairs confirming marital status, an affidavit stating knowledge about information regarding another parent*
- Proof of separation or report from Department of Social Services (married but separated parents)*
- Proof of legal guardianship*
- Death certificate/s*
- Proof of registration for sibling/s studying at tertiary institutions*
- Decree for foster children*



Financial documentation

- Certified proof of income (not older than three months)
- **If employed:** salary/wage slips
- **If informal trader/hawker:** proof of income and lease*
- **If earning commission:** IRP5, IT3 and IT12 (last two years)
- **If business owner:** income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement, IT14, IT12 and IT3 (last two years)
- **If unemployed:** letter from the Department of Labour proving unemployment status
- **If retired:** proof of pension
- **If SASSA recipient:** proof of SASSA grant

*If applicable

What are the requirements to apply?

1. Be applying for Grades 8 to 12
2. Be a South African citizen
3. Be registered at an endorsed South African school
4. Meet a minimum overall academic average of 60%
5. Have a total household income of less than R550,000 per year)

School criteria

They can attend any endorsed South African school. If you're unsure if your school is endorsed, you can contact SANRAL directly, here.

Website: www.nra.co.za/Scholarships

Contact Details: nra.co.za/Contact

Deadline: End of September



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KFC Ikusasa Lethu Scholarship

This scholarship programme provides access to quality education for learners whose parents work for a KFC restaurant, as well as Add Hope beneficiaries across South Africa.

Tuition	Stationary	Textbooks	Devices
			

What documents are required for the application?

Applicant documentation

- Birth certificate or ID document
- Colour photo of learner (ID size)
- Proof of address, not older than three months
- Motivation for scholarship
- Previous year’s school report (term 4)
- Current year’s school report (term 1 and 2)

Parent/guardian documentation

- ID documents for all parents/guardians
- Proof of legal guardianship*

*If applicable

What are the requirements to apply?

1. Be the child of a KFC employee
2. Be a Grade 8, 9 or 10 learner
3. Obtain an overall aggregate of 70% or above in their latest academic report
4. Obtain at least 70% in Maths and English in their school report (term 4) from the previous year
5. Obtain at least 70% in Maths and English in their school reports (term 1 and 2) for the current year



School criteria

There are 15 Curro and Meridian placement schools affiliated with the scholarship (see below). However, applications to other Curro schools will be considered. Contact the programme for more details.

Website: rutasechaba.org/kfc/

Deadline: End of September

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Foundation Scholarships

Charitable foundations play a key role in working to achieve social, economic and environmental goals. And as educational support has a knock-on effect on numerous other areas of development, this is a major focus for the sector.

As with corporate scholarships, there are more opportunities for funding within tertiary education. However, there are still opportunities to explore.

The following foundations cater to high school learners:

- African Scholars Fund
- Kay Mason Foundation
- Make a Difference Leadership Foundation
- Ruta Sechaba Foundation
- Students for a Better Future Foundation



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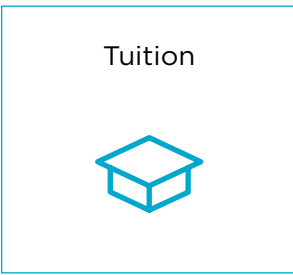


Kay Mason Foundation

This scholarship programme aims to bridge the opportunity gap in education. They seek to empower learners from underserved communities who demonstrate motivation and the potential to succeed. Recipients must maintain a 65% average in all subjects.

Note: Applications must be submitted two years prior to high school placement (e.g. application submitted in 2023 will be for high school placement in 2025).

What does the scholarship cover?



Scholarship holders will have access to:

- comprehensive applicant assessments to determine academic potential
- academic tutoring
- mentorship programs
- psycho-social development programmes
- life skills workshops
- home support.

What documents are required for the application?



Applicant documentation

- Birth certificate
- Grade 5 school report (term 4)
- Grade 6 school report (term 1)



Parent/guardian documentation

- ID documents for all parents/guardians
- Divorce decree*
- Death certificate/s*



Financial documentation

- **If employed:** the three most recent payslips and three months bank statements
- **If self-employed:** six months bank statements
- **If unemployed:** original affidavit, stating reasons and period of unemployment
- **If SASSA recipient:** proof of SASSA grant

*If applicable

What are the requirements to apply?

1. Be a Grade 6 learner
2. Be a South African citizen
3. Demonstrate financial need (total gross household income less than R17,500 per month)
4. Obtain a minimum of 65% for both their first and second language, Maths and Science
5. Reside within the Western Cape areas of Cape Town, Southern Suburbs, Northern Suburbs, Helderberg or Boland areas.
6. Able to commute to Bellville on Saturdays to attend KMF classes

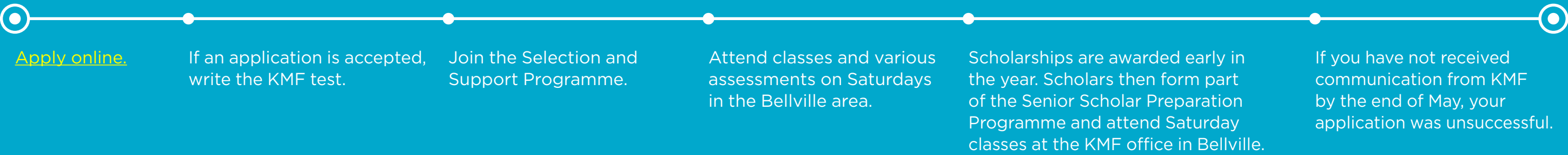
School criteria

They can attend any top-achieving government school in the Western Cape.

Website: www.kmf.org.za/

Contact Details: kmf.org.za/Contact

Deadline: Beginning of May





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Ruta Sechaba Foundation

This programme offers academic and sports scholarships to bright, motivated learners across South Africa who meet the financial and academic criteria.

What does the scholarship cover?

Tuition	Stationary	Textbooks	Devices

What documents are required for the application?

This information is not publicly available. Please contact the Ruta Sechaba Foundation directly.



What are the requirements to apply?

1. Be a Grade 8 to 11 learner
2. Be a Black South African citizen as defined by the B-BBEE Act
3. Demonstrate financial need (maximum gross household income should not exceed R38,000 per month)
4. For academic scholarships: **(a)** obtain a minimum overall aggregate of 65% in their latest academic report; **(b)** obtain at least 65% in Maths and 65% in English in their latest academic report
5. For sports scholarships: **(a)** have been awarded national or provincial colours for one or more of the top 20 ranked sporting activities in the country; **(b)** consistently maintain a minimum academic average of 60%

School criteria

The scholarship is available to learners who are already attending Curro-managed schools (but cannot continue due to financial hardship) but is also available to those attending other schools.

Website: www.rutasechaba.org/

Deadline: Early August



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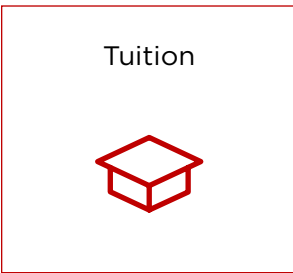


Students for a Better Future Foundation

This programme aims to redefine what a scholarship means by offering a wide range of holistic interventions to develop key attributes and build skills for the future.

Note: applications must be submitted two years prior to high school placement (eg application submitted in 2023 will be for high school placement in 2025).

What does the scholarship cover?



Scholarship holders will have access to:

- skills development workshops
- mentorship
- future-proofing skills
- psychosocial skills development.

What documents are required for the application?



Applicant documentation

- Birth certificate
- Proof of study visa (if not a South African citizen)
- Grade 5 school report (term 4)
- Grade 6 school report (term 2)
- A 350-word essay



Parent/guardian documentation

- ID documents for all parents/guardians
- Proof of visa/residency (if not South African citizens)
- Death certificate/s*
- If one or both parents are not present or uninvolved, an affidavit confirming this



Financial documentation

- **If employed:** three most recent salary slips and three months bank statements
- **If self-employed:** six months bank statements
- **If unemployed:** original affidavit, stating reasons and period of unemployment
- **If SASSA recipient:** proof of SASSA grant

Note: More documents may be requested from shortlisted candidates.

*If applicable

What are the requirements to apply?

1. Be a Grade 6 learner and achieve a minimum overall average of 60% in Grade 5 final exams
2. Achieve a minimum result of 60% for Maths and English in Grade 5 final exams
3. Achieve a minimum overall average of 60% in Grade 6 (term 2 report)
4. Achieve a minimum result of 60% for Maths and English in Grade 6 (term 2 report)
5. Demonstrate financial need (household income must not exceed a monthly gross income of R17,000 if there is 1 child in the household, R20,000 for 2 children, or R23,000 for 3 or more children)
6. Reside in Cape Town (Western Cape) within a 25km radius of the SBF Newlands Office (located at 6 Letterstedt House, Newlands on Main, Newlands)

School criteria

There are 13 partner schools affiliated with the foundation. These are located in the Western Cape. Partner schools may be subject to change, check directly with the foundation for the latest information on partner schools.

Website: www.studentsforabetterfuture.co.za/scholarships/

Deadline: mid-August





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African Scholars Fund

This programme aims to alleviate financial pressures on families by providing funding to cover basic school needs (such as tuition fees, uniforms and transport costs).

Note: Applications must be submitted two years prior to high school placement (eg application submitted in 2023 will be for high school placement in 2025).

What does the scholarship cover?

The ASF award is worth R1,000 per year and payment is made directly to the school in two instalments (mid-year and end of year).



What documents are required for the application?



Applicant documentation

- June report
- A letter in their own handwriting (telling ASF about yourself and your family)
- An empty, and unsealed envelope that is addressed to the candidate



Financial documentation

- **If employed:** payslips
- **If retired:** proof of pension
- **If grant recipient:** proof of grant
- Or other proof of income

What are the requirements to apply?

1. Be a Grade 7 to 11 learner
2. Reside within one of these provinces: Western Cape, Eastern Cape or Northern Cape
3. Attend one of the ASF-supported schools
4. Attend a school with tuition fees that are R4,500 or less per year
5. Demonstrate financial need (total monthly household income should not exceed R10,000)
6. Grade 7 learners: obtain a minimum overall average of 60% or above for all subjects
7. Grade 8 to 11 learners: obtain a minimum overall average of 50% or above for all subjects
8. Be (or will be) 21 years old or younger in their matric year

Deadline: mid-September

School criteria

The fund works with over 50 schools within the Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Northern Cape provinces. A full list of affiliated schools can be found here.

Website: www.asf.org.za/Applications

Contact Details: www.asf.org.za/Contact

Access an application form at your school (ask for the ASF Bursary Representative) or download the application form, here.

Submit your application via post.

Post to: African Scholars Fund's Head Office
P. O. Box 18097
Wynberg
7824
Cape Town, South Africa



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Make a Difference Leadership Foundation

This programme provides educational access to deserving young South Africans with leadership potential, but who face economic and other barriers. It follows an individualised and personal approach to learner development.

Note: Applications must be submitted two years prior to high school placement (eg application submitted in 2023 will be for high school placement in 2025).

What does the scholarship cover?

This information is not publicly available. Please contact the Make a Difference Foundation directly for this information.

What documents are required for the application?



Applicant documentation

- Birth certificate
- ID document
- School reports for the current and previous year
- A personal essay about themselves and why they're applying
- Confirmation of good conduct from school (from principal/teacher/ residence head)
- Letter from school confirming receipt of a bursary/ discount/fee exemption (if applicable)
- Statement of integrity and consent (must be co-signed by a parent or guardian)



Parent/guardian documentation

- ID documents for all parents/guardians
- Death certificate/s (if applicable)
- Confirmation of number and age of people residing in your household



Financial documentation

- **If employed:** latest payslips
- **If unemployed:** affidavit
- **If grant recipient:** proof of grant
- Proof of school fees and the person who pays the school fees

What are the requirements to apply?

1. Be a Grade 7 to 12 learner
2. Be a South African citizen
3. Speak and understand basic English
4. Demonstrate financial need (household income must not exceed a monthly gross income of R25,000)
5. Obtain a minimum overall average of 65% for all subjects
6. Demonstrate a strong value system and a sense of responsibility, participate in school extra-curricular activities, and show leadership qualities and involvement in community service

School criteria

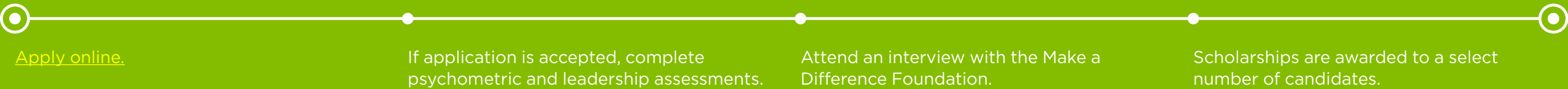
They can attend any public high school in South Africa.

Website: www.madleadership.org/apply/

Email: applications@madleadership.org

Call: +27 82 313 9014

Deadline: Beginning of May



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School Scholarships

As the third pillar in the educational funding landscape, many individual schools run their own scholarship programmes. These may stem from alumni programmes, or grant funding that’s earmarked for scholarships.

In many instances, as with the UCT Online High School Liberated Learning Programme, these scholarships are one of the ways in which schools hope to open access to quality education and address systemic inequality within the country.

Unlike corporate or foundation scholarships, school-based scholarship programmes are only for individual schools, and applications must be submitted to each school individually.



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The UCT Online High School Learning Liberated Scholarship Programme seeks to make online education as affordable and accessible as possible, and to provide more education opportunities for South African youth.

Sponsors include:

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What does the scholarship cover?

- 50% of tuition fees (partial scholarship)
- 100% of the Grade 12 SACAI examination fee

Why partial scholarships for tuition?

- A more efficient distribution of financial aid
- Support opportunities for a larger number of learners.
- To foster commitment to maintain academic performance and higher success rates



What documents are required for the application?



Applicant documentation

- ID or birth certificate
- ID coloured photo
- Proof of address
- Term 3 academic report (submitted during application)
- Term 4 final academic report (submitted in December)
- An applicant reference letter completed by a senior member of the learner’s current school
- An aspirations and academic journey letter (verified by current school)



Parent/guardian documentation

- ID or birth certificates for all parents/guardians
- Proof of address (not older than one month at the time of application)



Financial documentation

- Proof of income statements (not older than one month at the time of application)

What are the requirements to apply?

1. A Grade 8 to 11 learner
2. Be a South African citizen
3. Reside in South Africa
4. Have at least one parent or guardian that’s a South African citizen
5. Be at an appropriate age to complete Grades 8 to 11
6. Apply to complete the CAPS curriculum and achieve their National Senior Certificate (NSC)
7. Demonstrate financial need (the family household income may not exceed R350,000 per year or R29,000 per month)
8. Obtain a minimum 60% average in English Home Language (term 3 and 4 school report)
9. Obtain a minimum 60% average in Maths (term 3 and 4 school report)
10. Have aspirations to pursue tertiary education and career after school
11. Have access to stable internet, a laptop or desktop, a printer and UPS devices
12. Have a safe learning environment with necessary support from at least one adult champion/supervisor

School criteria

This scholarship applies to UCT Online High School and entry in the National Senior Certificate (NSC) qualification only.

Website: www.uctonlinehighschool.com/scholarships

Email: admissions@uctohs.valentureonline.com

Call: +27 21 140 1792

Deadline: End of October

Other Schools

There are several high schools across South Africa that offer scholarships. If you have a preferred high school, you can contact them to see if they have a scholarship programme. We’ve included some examples below from across the country.

EASTERN CAPE

Diocesan School for Girls
Hudson Park High School
Kingswood College
St Andrew’s College

GAUTENG

Beaulieu College
Dainfern College
King Edward VII High School
Redhill School
Roedean School
St John’s College

KWAZULU-NATAL

Durban Girls’ College
Eden Schools
Glenwood High School
Kearsney College
Maritzburg College
Michaelhouse

MPUMALANGA

Uplands College

WESTERN CAPE

American International School of Cape Town
Bergvliet High School
Bishops Diocesan College
Rondebosch Boys’ High School
St Cyprian’s School
Wynberg Boys’ High School



Tips for applying for a scholarship.

TIP 1: Make sure to diarise all the application deadlines.

This may seem obvious, but deadlines are essential. All scholarship programmes have very strict deadlines and won't consider any late applications.

TIP 2: Put together your application documents early.

Make sure you have all the required supporting documentation ready as soon as possible. This can be a time-consuming process.

Once you've compiled all your documents, make sure they're certified. This can be done by a commissioner of oaths at your local police station, post office or bank. Remember, you should only be submitting copies of your documents (and not the originals), as documents won't be returned to applicants.

TIP 3: Make sure that your application is completed in full.

You need to complete all sections of the application and provide all the required documentation that's asked for. If you don't, your application will be disqualified.

TIP 4: Eliminate all mistakes by proofreading your application.

Make sure you check the application for spelling and grammar mistakes. You can even ask someone else to read through your application (including the supporting documents) to check for mistakes or areas that need improvement.

TIP 5: Request letters of recommendation early.

Some applications might require you to submit letters of recommendation. It's important to think carefully about who should write these letters.

Choose people who know your strengths and abilities. Give your recommenders at least two weeks to write the letter and be prepared to provide them with additional information about yourself or the scholarship.

TIP 6: Have good, contactable references.

References are very important to your application, so make sure they are top notch (like a school principal, teacher, or community leader).

Make sure to check with them first before including them as a reference and submit their correct contact details (telephone number and email address).

TIP 7: Write a great essay (if required).

Think carefully about the question being asked and use this opportunity to tell the funders things about yourself that might not be shown elsewhere in the application.

TIP 8: Don't be afraid to sing your own praises.

Applications will often ask you to talk about yourself. Even if it feels uncomfortable, this is a time when it's necessary to sing your own praises.

Be sure to tell the finders about any awards and recognitions you've received. Tell them about activities that show your talents and passions, especially things that demonstrate your ability to lead, take initiative, persist through adversity, and care for your community.

Remember, employment and family responsibilities can say a lot in your favour as well.

TIP 9: Don't limit yourself to one scholarship.

You're allowed to apply for more than one scholarship at a time, so spread your net far and wide.

TIP 10: Keep your eyes open for scholarship updates and announcements.

Keep an eye out for an email, phone call or text message with feedback on your scholarship application.

You might be shortlisted and offered an interview before the committee makes their final selection.

You can also follow the scholarship programmes on social media to make sure you're up to date on any new announcements.

TIP 11: Try, try again.

Keep trying even if you don't win a scholarship right away. Save copies of every application that you complete so you don't have to start from scratch every time.





Prepare for the future of education.

Even if your preferred school is out of reach, there's a lot you can do to bridge your funding gap.

Whether you're looking for a scholarship to a physical school or are interested in online high school, these scholarship opportunities can set you on a path to success.

To discuss your options for online learning with UCT Online High School, or to learn more about our new scholarship programme, you can [reach out](#) to a friendly member of our team.

If you're ready to start the process, [join our priority list here](#). And if someone in your community is also on the lookout for funding opportunities, share this guide with them.



Resources

1. allangrayorbis.org/scholarship-programme/
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3. [Learning-Liberated-Scholarship-Policy.pdf](#)
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