



- x. Employed parents must submit proof of income such as recent pay slips from October 2025- December 2025). (Note: Failure to submit proof of parents' combined income leads to automatic disqualification).
- xi. Self-employed parents must present twelve (12) months stamped bank statements.

The DF will communicate directly with students/applicants and not through intermediaries or agents.

**NB: The Social Security Commission reserves the right to terminate any agreement if irregularities or dishonesty are detected in the initial submission of the application.**

## 8. BURSARY APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application forms and guidelines can be collected from any Social Security Offices countrywide or can be downloaded from our website at [www.ssc.org.na](http://www.ssc.org.na). For online application visit the following link <https://www.ssc.org.na/df>.

Application forms can be submitted at any Social Security Offices countrywide or can be sent via Post Office.

**SUBMIT sealed envelopes clearly marked "DF Bursaries at the following address:**

**Manager:** Development Fund  
Private Bag 13223, Windhoek, NAMIBIA  
Cnr. Andrew Kloppers & J. Haupt Street, Khomasdal

Documents can be downloaded from our website at [www.ssc.org.na](http://www.ssc.org.na)

Any applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

No applications submitted via email will be accepted.

If you do not receive feedback within four (4) months after the closing date, consider your application unsuccessful.

No rejection letters will be sent to applicants. In addition, no appeal will be considered.

## 9. CONTACT INFORMATION

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**CLOSING DATE:**  
16h30, Friday, 19 December 2025

# DEVELOPMENT FUND (DF) BURSARY SCHEME



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The Development Fund (DF) Bursary Scheme is established by Section 37(II) of the Social Security Act, 1994 (Act No. 34 of 1994). Its main objective is to:

Award bursaries to students enrolled at recognized technical or academic institutions of higher education.

As a result, the SSC under the DF offers bursaries to academically deserving Namibians from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds who are currently unemployed.

### 1. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- i. The DF considers students who are interested in pursuing full-time undergraduate qualifications at recognized and esteemed institutions of higher education within the SADC region.
- ii. Namibian citizens or permanent residents with Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate Advanced Subsidiary (NSSCAS) or equivalent qualifications in line with the National Curriculum for Basic Education.
- iii. The DF considers students who have achieved an average aggregate of 70% in the June/August 2025 examinations or a minimum of 27 points at the final Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate Advanced Subsidiary (NSSCAS) level (Grade 11 & 12) in five (5) subjects, including English.
- iv. Students belonging to marginalized groups (San, Ovatie and Ovatiimba) should have a minimum of 25 points in Grade 11 or 12 Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate Advanced Subsidiary – (NSSCAS) level in five (5) subjects, including English.
- v. Tertiary students must have an aggregate of at least 65% in their most recent semester examinations.
- vi. Tertiary students must furnish their complete academic record with an official stamp from the higher education institution.
- vii. Applicants need to be enrolled or intending to enroll as full-time students in pursuit of the specified qualification.
- viii. Funding under the Bursary Scheme does not apply to part time or distance studies.
- ix. Consideration is given exclusively to applicants (children) whose parents combined annual income does not exceed N\$300,000.00. Other socio-economic circumstances may also be considered, such as orphans, applicants (children) of unemployed parents, or applicants (children) of pensioners, among others. Failure to provide evidence of combined parental income will result in automatic disqualification.
- x. DF consider students who, without prior qualifications, aspire to attain their first diploma or those without a degree aiming for their first bachelor's degree. If you already possess a degree qualification, DO NOT APPLY.

### 2. PREFERRED FIELDS OF STUDY

- i. The list below contains the priority TVET occupations considered for funding: Solar Equipment Maintenance Installer, Riggers (mining, oil and gas), Occupational; Health & Safety, Operator, Facility Maintenance, Automotive Mechatronics, Agriculture: Farmer (Crop & Horticulture Production), Farmer (Animal Husbandry) Machinery Operator/Farm Mechanic, and courses leading towards becoming a TVET Trainer or Instructors.

- ii. Engineering key priority fields: Civil, Marine, Power, Industrial, Electrical, Chemical and Mechanical.
- iii. Medical related Key priority fields: Applicants who intend to study or are currently pursuing allied health professions are strongly encouraged to apply and will be given priority. Example of allied health professions include qualifications such as, Dental Technology, Clinical Technology, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy, Sonography/Ultrasound, Speech Therapy, Audiology, Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics, Medical Physics, Optometry and Biomedical Engineering.
- iv. Priority fields: Cybersecurity, Information Technology Security Data Analytics, Data Science, Networking, Cloud Computing, Computer Science, Business Computing, Business Informatics, Machine Learning, AI, Robotics, Autonomous Systems, Software Engineering, Programming/Coding, Digital Marketing and System Administration.
- v. Social Work and Psychology (Clinical)
- vi. Actuarial studies.

***NB: Funding will not be provided for the Bachelor of Medicine & Surgery and Bachelor of Clinical Nursing programs.***

### 3. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST / REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Each student applying for a study loan must, in addition to the application form, submit certified copies of the following documents:

- i. A fully and clearly filled out SSC Form 09 (application form), signed under oath, obtainable from the addresses listed at the end.
- ii. Evidence of application, admission, or registration issued by the higher education institution. (This is not a disqualifying factor).
- iii. Motivation letters must be written in English. An English motivation letter from a community leader (such as a church leader, school principal, constituency councilor/governor, or social worker) who is familiar with the student and their parents, supporting the applicant's economic and/or social background.
- iv. All foreign qualifications must be accompanied by the Namibia Qualification Authority (NQA) evaluation certificate.
- v. Police Certified Full birth certificate of applicants must be submitted. (Failure to submit full birth certificate will result in disqualification), proof of Namibian citizenship preferably an Identification Document (ID) certified by the Police .
- vi. Certified Identification Document (ID) of biological parents must be submitted. In the case of an applicant legally adopted through the courts, legal guardian documents can be submitted.
- vii. For students with disabilities, proof from a medical doctor must be included.
- viii. Orphans or pensioners receiving monthly allowances from institutions such as GIPF, Sanlam, etc., must submit evidence.
- ix. A police declaration from October 2025-December 2025 confirming the unemployed status of parents or guardians is required.