

RBI- STUDENT & GRADUATE SUPPORT SERVICES

This document outlines the necessary steps to take for a successful university and funding application. It is vital that you provide detailed information as required.

1. School Marks

- 1.1 Matric learners need their Grade 11 and Grade 12 school results certified.
- 1.2 Matriculated candidates need their Grade 12 certificates certified.
- 1.3 Current University student need their full academic transcript certified by the respective University stamp.

2. NSFAS Application

All Applicants for Undergraduate Studies need to submit applications for government funding via NFSAS online; www.nsfas.org.za. Those applying for Post-Graduate Studies must submit apply for funding at www.nrf.ac.za. Generally, Applications open in September, and close at the end of November annually.

3. RBI Funding & Support Application

Royal Bafokeng Institute **NO-LONGER PROVIDES FULL STUDENT LOANS. Instead, it offers TOP-UP Loans to Supplement THIRD PARTY SPONSORSHIPS.** Royal Bafokeng Institute, through the Student & Graduate Support Services (SGSS), is a full on support services for students and candidates seeking **CAREER GUIDANCE/DEVOLPMENT and FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES.** Student & Graduate Support Services provides counselling, guidance, academic support that add value to Students' career choices and learning experiences.

4. Documents Required

NB. All these required documents we outline below will be relevant for funding applications to many Third Parties, in addition to NSFAs:

- 4.1 RBI Assistance & Support Application form;
- 4.2 Candidate and Parent's financial statements (recent 3 months' payslips, and corresponding 3 months bank statements);
- 4.3 Proof of unemployment status (police affidavit or retrenchment letter);
- 4.4 Proof of Social Grant Status (SASA or Disability Certificate);
- 4.5 Grade 11 & 12 academic results (school reports);
- 4.6 University Conditional Acceptance Letter (Letter of acceptance);
- 4.7 Evidence of NSFAS Online Application (proof of application and status of application);
- 4.8 Lokwalo la Kgosana (Letter from your Kgotla signed by your Kgosana);
- 4.9 Applicant's Formal Application Letter to RBI - '*why they want Bafokeng funding and why they wish to study the Study Programme applied for*'
- 4.10 Letter of recommendation from School (principal or management);
- 4.11 Evidence of extra-mural involvement (sport or culture);
- 4.12 Evidence of leadership roles (school or community based);
- 4.13 Evidence of service activities (school or community based);
- 4.14 Evidence of career planning or guidance (from school or privately done).

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5. All Applicants will be shortlisted based, primarily, on their Gr12 Results. They should meet the AP Score of 35; Shortlisted Candidates, and their respective parents/guardians, will be asked to attend an interview. The Final student intake will be determined by RBN Budget allocation.

For 2022, Applicants who satisfy the minimum threshold for admission at a University but who fall outside of the Bafokeng Funding Policy will be assisted to apply for NSFAS or for funding at any other Third Party. These candidates will be supported by our support services.

6. Children of traditional leaders who satisfy the minimum threshold for admission at a University are catered for yearly. They are also urged to, first and foremost, submit their application for funding to NSFAS, or approach us for help in this process.

7. Ultimately we would like to support those candidates who most likely to perform and thrive in the university environment.

All Inquiries must be directed to

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