



The Rotary Club of Knysna – Chartered – 04 May 1962 – President: Wayne Spies
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ROTARY CLUB OF KNYSNA
POLICY FOR BURSARY APPLICATIONS

Background

The Rotary Club of Knysna's Bursary programme has been running since 1982 and has supported students in tertiary education. It is the club's largest single budget item financed by funds raised locally during the Rotary Golf weekend and the former Knysna Rotary Cycle tour. Contributions have been received from various international clubs and individuals known to the club. Individual bursaries vary from R6 000 to R30 000 with focus on studies in:

- maternal and child health, basic education and literacy,
- economic and community development.

Qualifications being studied include:

- Engineering
- Teaching
- Nursing and caring
- Medicine
- Media and communication
- Business management
- Law
- Nature conservation
- Marketing
- Social work
- Journalism
- Architect drawing
- Accounting
- Ambulance training
- Firefighting

Basic Criteria:

1. Student must have resided in Knysna area for a minimum of 5 years.
2. Student must show evidence of academic potential with a minimum overall average of 50%.
3. Student must show other source of funding.
4. Student must be an undergraduate.
5. Student must be aware that this is not a full bursary.
6. Student attends a comprehensive interview.

Each bursary committee member reads and comments on the applications received by the closing date to arrive at a list of students to interview.

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A candidate is more likely to be successful if he/she:

- Has a clear idea of what the course entails.
- Has some idea of what they intend doing after studying.
- Shows evidence of hard work at school – good marks.
- Shows evidence of leadership/involvement at school or in the community (sports participation, interact, prefect etc.).
- Has the communication skills to answer interviewer's questions.
- Has some understanding that success depends on sacrificing pleasure some of the time.
- Has other source of funding.
- Has investigated accommodation and travel options.
- Has plans to have a holiday job during holidays.
- Has knowledge of the Rotary International organisation.
- Has knowledge of SA events (current affairs).
- Has adequate financial support from parents.

Once a student has been selected for a bursary, they need to supply the following:

1. Matric results, if they have just completed matric.
2. End of tertiary year results.
3. Proof of registration from the institution where they are going to study.
4. Student number.
5. Banking details for the institution.

On receipt of the above, half of the allocated bursary is paid into the institution and the second half, only on passing mid-year exams/course work.

The bursary is awarded for one year only and the student will need to apply again by completing an application if they are going to continue studying.

We encourage the students to help with various Rotary fund-raising projects if and when they are available to promote volunteering.

We give each of the students that apply for a bursary a list of other bursaries which are available for further study in various fields.

*H Thomas
Secretary Bursary Committee
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