# INVITATION: EXTERNAL BURSARY APPLICATION – 2027

The Steve Tshwete Local Municipality (STLM) intends to offer bursary opportunities for deserving and qualifying youth (18-35) residing within the municipality from historically disadvantaged background.

Applicants wishing to undertake full-time or distance learning undergraduate studies at Public Universities or TVET Colleges are invited to submit their applications.

1. **Eligibility/Admissibility Requirements**:

- South African citizen residing within the borders of STLM. (MP313) shall be considered.
- People from previously disadvantage groups and people living with disability are encouraged to apply.
- Applicants must have applied for, and been admitted into a public institution of higher learning to pursue the undergraduate qualification.
- Current grade 12 learners who have applied for admission and granted provisional admission pending their final grade 12 results can apply.
- Applicant must meet the financial qualifying criteria for funding which is a combined gross family/household income of not more than R350 000.00 per annum.
- The Applicants who are studying at a public institution of higher learning (Universities and TVET Colleges) for the first time.
- The Applicant must have only one study bursary or loan. The STLM external bursary cannot be used to cover pre-existing loans or historical debt.
- Applicants with incomplete undergraduate qualifications and are first-time recipients of a study bursary or loan may be considered subject to assessment of all supporting documents (e.g. history of financial statements and academic records form the institution) submitted with their application.

2. **Bursary Funding**:

The municipality shall fund approved bursary recipients annually in line with the academic curriculum, mode of study undertaken by the learner and in line with the costs as stipulated by the academic institution.

Subject to budget availability, the bursary fund is comprised of the following segments:

- Tuition fees as per the institution's fee structure,
- Accommodation and subjected to submission of supporting documents (e.g. on campus boarding fee structure, private lease agreement) and established criteria,
- Learning material fees in line with study curriculum and learning requirements, Monthly allowance: availability of budget

**NB**: *The municipality does not guarantee full-scale bursary to selected candidates and funding shall be allocated as per affordability and in line with the bursary agreement entered into between learners and the municipality.*

3. The following certified documents must accompany the bursary application:

3.1 Certified copy of applicant and parents or guardians South Africa Identity Document.
3.2 Certified grade 12 results/certificate.
3.3 Certified Grade 11 results or grade 12 progress/term reports for current grade 12 Students who are still in high school.
3.4 Admission letter from the academic institution.
3.5 Academic record for applicants already studying in higher learning institutions.
3.6 Detailed written motivation letter.
3.7 Marriage certificate (if applicable).
3.8 Proof of applicant's income or family/house hold income (including that of both parents or legal guardian/s).
3.9 Affidavits by both parents or guardians if unemployed.
3.10 Certified death certificates in case one or both parents are deceased.
3.11 Proof of SASSA grant recipient (if applicable).
3.12 Proof of Employment if both parent are working.

4. The following field of studies shall be considered for funding:

4.1 Engineering studies:
- Electrical - Heavy Current only
- Civil - Roads, Water Treatment and Water Network
- Diesel Mechanic
- Plumbing
- Millwright

4.2 Financial Management
- Accounting
- Internal Auditing
- Insurance
- Asset
- Supply Chain Services

4.3 Town Planning & Human Settlement
- Town & Regional Planning
- Architectural Design

- Quantity Surveying
- Real Estate
- Property Valuations & Management

4.4 ICT Information
- Network
- Software and Web development

4.5 Environmental Studies
- Air Pollution Control
- Climate Change Specialist

**PLEASE NOTE:**

CLOSING DATE: 30 NOVEMBER 2026

1. Applications should be completed on the prescribed application form (available from Municipal Offices) and submitted to the Office of Director Human Resources at the Steve Tshwete Municipal Building, ground floor, Cnr Walter Sisulu Street and Wanderers Avenue, Civic Centre Building main entrance.

2. The selection of a candidate is at the Steve Tshwete Local Council's sole discretion, taking into account all relevant legislation, council policies and procedures.

3. The submission of application gives Steve Tshwete Local Council the right to make inquiries necessary to obtain information regarding applicant's background, qualifications/academic transcripts, employment reference checks of parent/s or guardian etc.

4. Applicants who have not been responded to within eight weeks of the closing date should consider their applications unsuccessful and correspondence will only be limited to Shortlisted candidates.

5. Incomplete or incorrect information on a bursary application form will disqualify an Applicant. Also kindly state if your parents are employed by the municipality.

6. No late applications or emailed/faxed applications shall be considered.