



NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

<b>BRIEFING NOTES FOR</b>	BRANCH MANAGERS, CALL CENTRE
<b>SUBJECT</b>	2015 Solomon Mahlangu Scholarship applications to open
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<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<p>The NYDA in its quest to address the challenge of youth unemployment and access to education, among many others, recently changed its core business to focus on Education and Skills Development as the organisation's main priority. This move was informed by recent studies which suggested that salary remained the main source of income for young South Africans.</p> <p>To support this new strategic focus the NYDA introduced the Solomon Mahlangu Scholarship Fund (SMSF) in 2013/14, a fund established to create industrialists as an investment towards youth empowerment. The purpose of this fund is to avail financial support to youth to enable them to pursue quality education in an institution of higher learning with youth in rural areas as primary target.</p> <p>The scholarship fund was established in honour of Solomon Kalushi Mahlangu who at the age of 23, was executed under the apartheid laws after being wrongfully accused of murder and terrorism. Fearing crowd reaction at the funeral, police decided to bury Mahlangu in Atteridgeville, Pretoria.</p> <p>The scholarship fund is designed to create an environment for affording the marginalized youth with excellent academic background, an opportunity to further their studies locally and abroad. Financial support will be provided to youth who pursue full time degrees that fall within the priority growth sectors, critical and scarce skills areas outlined in the labour planning frameworks of the country.</p> <p>The fund is accessible to deserving South African youth who meet the minimum entry requirements set by the NYDA - youth who have been admitted for study at credible Universities and Universities of Technology, FET Colleges local and international. International scholarships will be considered if they have been endorsed by a South African government department or a credible public or private agency.</p>
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<p><b>OBJECTIVES OF THE SOLOMON MAHLANGU SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide financial support to youth in the form of scholarships to increase their chances of accessing quality higher education in their field of study</li> <li>• To increase chances of employability or entrepreneurship based on the positive correlation between level of education and employability</li> <li>• To establish the largest scholarship programme in the country, which will enable youth to study locally and abroad</li> <li>• Empower the youth (14-35) with education to enable them to compete favourably in the labor market.</li> <li>• Contribute to the development of critical and scarce skills</li> </ul>
<p><b>COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING</b></p>	<p>Adverts for the Scholarship Fund will be published on the following mediums:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYDA website</li> <li>• Websites of participating Universities, Universities of Technology and FETs</li> <li>• Social Media (twitter and facebook)</li> <li>• Newspapers: Sowetan, Sunday Sun,</li> </ul> <p>Here is the link to the Application Forms: will be accessible from the NYDA website and participating institutions.</p>
<p><b>FIELDS OF STUDY TO BE FUNDED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICT</li> <li>• Law</li> <li>• Tourism</li> <li>• Geology</li> <li>• Logistics</li> <li>• Pharmacy</li> <li>• Journalism</li> <li>• Agriculture</li> <li>• Engineering</li> <li>• Development Studies</li> <li>• Supply Chain Management</li> </ul>
<p><b>PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS</b></p>	<p><i>List of participating institutions will be revised to include 2 new universities and FET Colleges.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sol Plaatjie University</li> <li>• Mpumalanga University</li> <li>• Fort Hare University</li> <li>• Rhodes University</li> <li>• Nelson Mandela Metro University</li> <li>• Walter Sisulu University</li> <li>• University of North West</li> <li>• University of Kwa Zulu Natal</li> <li>• University of the Free State</li> <li>• Tshwane University of Technology</li> <li>• University of JHB</li> <li>• Wits University</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Pretoria</li> <li>• University of Limpopo</li> <li>• Cape Peninsula University of Technology</li> <li>• Stellenbosch University</li> <li>• University of Western Cape</li> <li>• University of Cape Town</li> </ul> <p><b>ALL PUBLIC FET COLLEGES</b></p>
<b>ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must be applying for admission to one of the participating universities as a 1<sup>st</sup> Year full time student in the courses listed in the table above</li> <li>• High school learners who plan to attend one of the participating universities after completing the National Senior Certificate</li> <li>• Must meet University Admission Points Score (APS) and achieve an average of 70% in the NSC exams</li> <li>• Must be South African citizens between 14 -35</li> <li>• Financial neediness – combined household salary of less than R15 000 a month</li> <li>• Reside in rural/semi-rural areas</li> <li>• Engage in community service</li> </ul>
<b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<p>Applications are to be made directly to the participating University/University of Technology/which has full responsibility for receiving, processing applications and selecting recipients.</p> <p>Applications to FET Colleges must be submitted directly to NYDA to 11 Broadwalk Avenue, Halfway House Midrand, 1683 OR e-mailed to: <a href="mailto:scholarships@nyda.gov.za">scholarships@nyda.gov.za</a></p> <p>It is the responsibility of the applicant to fully complete an Application Form including the necessary documents which need to accompany the Application Form.</p> <p><b>Closing date for applications: 23 January 2015</b></p>
<b>PAYMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<p>All payments shall be made directly into the tertiary institution for the duration of study. The Scholarship Fund will cover 100% of the cost for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Books</li> <li>• University Residence Meals</li> <li>• Tuition</li> <li>• University accommodation</li> <li>• Private accommodation (learner to provide proof that she/he applied for accommodation within institution on time but cannot be accommodate in the university's residence and requires private accommodation).</li> </ul> <p>Private accommodation must be accredited by the university</p>

	and must be listed on the university's supplier data base
<b>INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS REQUIREMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only scholarships availed by the Department of International Relations and Co-operation will be considered (Country to Country Scholarship)</li> <li>• Applicants will have to meet additional requirements set by the country offering the scholarship</li> <li>• Applicants have to study a compulsory foreign language course and obtain a high mark</li> <li>• Produce medical test results to the Scholarship Committee</li> <li>• Obtain a high mark at secondary level in the desired field of study</li> </ul>
<b>FAQs</b>	<p><b>1. What is the difference between a Bursary and a Scholarship?</b></p> <p><i>A Scholarship is a financial award granted to a student on the basis of the student's academic or sporting excellence.</i></p> <p><i>A Bursary is a financial award granted to a student on the basis of the student's financial neediness. The student has to produce proof that his/ her parent(s) or guardian(s) are not in a position to afford paying for tertiary education.</i></p> <p><b>2. What is the difference between national and international universities?</b></p> <p><i>A national university is an acknowledged Further Education and Training College, University of Technology or a University established in terms of the Higher Education Act 101 of 1997 situated within the Republic of South Africa as defined by the applicable legislation.</i></p> <p><i>An international university is funded by the governments of many countries and thereby is controlled by the officials from the government of different countries.</i></p> <p><b>3. How many people will benefit from the scholarship?</b></p> <p><i>A total of 100 scholarships will be awarded for the 2015 academic year.</i></p> <p><b>4. How do I submit my application? Can I fax or e-mail them to the relevant institution that I intend to study at?</b></p> <p><i>You can only submit your application at the participating universities. Refer to the list provided above.</i></p> <p><i>For FET Colleges you can submit your application directly to NYDA</i></p> <p><b>5. Can I use my mid-year Grade 11 results to apply for scholarship fund?</b></p>

	<p>Yes.</p> <p><b>6.</b> Can I submit my application form at an NYDA branch as it is closest to where I stay?</p> <p><i>No. All application forms should be submitted directly to the university or university of technology on the list.</i></p> <p><b>7.</b> Will the funding from the scholarship also assist me with my registration fee that is required at the beginning of the academic year?</p> <p><i>Yes. The scholarship will be awarded prior to the university registration period. If selected you will be issued with a scholarship award letter which will enable you to register with the university.</i></p> <p><b>8.</b> Why is the academic achievement set at 70% average?</p> <p><i>A scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic excellence. Most funders will require an average of 80% or more however the NYDA is a youth development agency, it is targeting youth who have potential who are from previously disadvantaged backgrounds.</i></p> <p><b>9.</b> I do not see my local university on the list of the ones selected for funding for 2015, why is this so?</p> <p><i>Due to financial constraints only a few institutions have been chosen for the 2015 academic year. All Universities have other financial aid options available for their students. FET colleges also have student financial aid programmes.</i></p> <p><b>10.</b> Does the scholarship roll over (automatically renews itself) for the duration of my studies?</p> <p><i>The scholarship is awarded for the duration of your studies however it is the responsibility of the student to submit all semester and annual results to the NYDA. The NYDA will only renew the scholarship if the student has passed all of his/ her subjects.</i></p> <p><b>11.</b> What are the conditions for me to retain my scholarship once it has been awarded to me?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>To observe and comply with all relevant and applicable regulations of the Tertiary Institution.</i></li> <li>• <i>Not to alter any of the subjects taken in the applicable diploma/degree or change to another diploma/degree.</i></li> </ul>
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	<p><i>you to progress to the next year or next semester but requires you to repeat the failed subject. The scholarship will continue however it will not pay for that repeated subject.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>If you fail one major subject and the university does not allow you to progress to the next year or next semester the scholarship will be terminated.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>18.</b> If I fail my studies for whatever reason, will I then be required to pay back NYDA or will they repossess my parent’s house?</p> <p><i>No.</i></p> <p><b>19.</b> If I have not been accepted in any of the participating universities but have been accepted in one that is not on the list for one of the qualifying study fields, will my application be considered?</p> <p><i>No.</i></p> <p><b>20.</b> My sibling and I are currently in matric, we both intend to pursue further education in the coming year. Is there a limit on how many people can be funded from the same family?</p> <p><i>No.</i></p>
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**PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES/ UNIVERSITIES OF TECHNOLOGY AND COURSES**

**FIELDS OF STUDY FOR ALL UNIVERSITIES AND FET COLLEGES**

- Engineering
- Tourism
- ICT
- Agriculture
- Law
- Logistics
- Supply Chain Management
- Journalism
- Geology
- Pharmacy
- Development Studies

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