

Funza Lushaka Bursary | National Selection Criteria



The general criteria for award of the bursary is as follows:

- The Funza Lushaka Bursary Programme will target students who are below 30 years of age to be considered for funding;
- The applicant must be a South African citizen;
- The applicant must be accepted into an approved B.Ed. degree or PGCE programme to specialize in two or more of the priority areas;
- The applicant should demonstrate good academic ability;
- An exemption, endorsement, or 'admission to bachelor degree studies' pass at matric/Grade 12 level.
- At least a level 4 passes at matric level in the subject which leads on to the priority area/subject in which the applicant will specialize to teach.
- For students who wish to specialize in the Foundation Phase, a pass in Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy at Grade 12 level is required. In addition, a level 4 passes in the Home Language is required.
- Students who wish to specialize in the teaching of Technology subjects, including CAT, and who do not have these subjects at matric level, must have at least a level 4 pass in Mathematics
- The Funza Lushaka bursary is a prestigious bursary aimed at attracting high quality students to become teachers. **Thus it does not fund an extended programme.**
- Students will need to meet the legal and institutional entrance requirements, and be accepted into a study programme before they can apply for the bursary.
- The applicant must show commitment to a teaching career, which includes: interest in working with young people; enthusiasm for a professional career in teaching; readiness to face and surmount difficult challenges and personal integrity;
- The applicant must be committed to teach in any school to which a student may be placed by a Provincial Education Department (PED); and
- The decision of the selection panel is final and no negotiations will be entered into to favor any student once selections are completed.