

VULAMATHUBA EMPUMELELO BURSARY FUND 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR



Vulamathuba Empumelelo, the community and social development arm of Communicare Social Enterprise, was established to deliver developmental interventions to Communicare tenants and non-tenants residing within Cape Town. Vulamathuba's overall objective is to create opportunities for the economic growth of participants by fostering the principle of Economic Mobility through education, skills, training, and development interventions.

Vulamathuba administers the Vulamathuba Empumelelo Bursary Fund (VEBF). The bursary allows recipients to pursue tertiary education, enhancing their self-reliant and financially mobile capacity. The principal purpose of the Fund is to give financial aid to Communicare tenants and individuals from previously marginalized communities who have academic potential yet are economically disadvantaged and looking to pursue a qualification that is described as a scarce or critical skill.

Click on the link to find the current list of occupations: https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/202208/47182gon2334.pdf.

We invite individuals who desire to study at a recognised and accredited tertiary institution, including TVET Colleges and universities, to apply for a bursary for an academic year. Priority is given to individuals accepted to study at public institutions in the Western Cape. We will consider bursary applications up to an undergraduate level from financially needy learners, with or without disabilities, employed or unemployed, and performing well academically. Grade 12 learners, those who have passed Grade 12 in previous years, and students already at recognised and accredited tertiary institutions are eligible for the bursary. We will consider your application if you plan full-time or part-time studies towards an academic or artisan qualification.

The bursar shall, for the duration of the funding, participate in community service or special project work as prescribed by Vulamathuba Empumelelo. After successful graduation, the Bursar is required to “work back” a portion of the bursary inside the Communicare group of companies or any other organisation nominated by it.

The VEBF will determine the amount allocated to each student to **R45 000.00***. The bursary covers the costs for studies (**excluding postgraduate**) at a recognised and accredited South African tertiary institution.

INCLUDED:

- Registration costs
- Tuition (course fees)
- Textbooks and other academic resource material relevant to the course
- Examination fees, if applicable

EXCLUDED:

- Electronic devices and stationery
- Fees and costs associated with previous study loans or tuition expenses.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. The closing date for applications is **30 November 2023**.
2. VEBF awards bursaries annually, and renewal is at its discretion.
3. Successful applicants will be required to sign an agreement with Vulamathuba Empumelelo.
4. VEBF will determine the financial needs of candidates using a means test.
5. The VEBF's selection will be final and will not enter any correspondence.
6. The annual gross income of the household must not exceed **R350 000.00** for a candidate to qualify for this funding.
7. The bursary will convert to a loan if the recipient fails to provide proof of successful study completion by the start of the new academic period.
8. The bursary will convert to a loan if the recipient fails to successfully complete the course by the completion date for which the bursary was approved.

VULAMATHUBA EMPUMELELO BURSARY FUND

Application Form 2024



The principal objective of the Vulamathuba Empumelelo Bursary Fund (VEBF) is to provide financial aid through a bursary to Communicare tenants and individuals from previously marginalized communities within the City of Cape Town who have academic potential yet are economically disadvantaged.

The VEBF will determine the amount it allocates for tuition to successful applicants to a maximum of **R 40 000.00** for tuition and **R5000.00** for prescribed material.

The VEBF will award the bursary fund to **Communicare tenants in good standing and authorised residents.**

We invite applications from candidates:

- Between 19 and 50 years of age
- With or without disabilities
- Employed or unemployed
- Wanting to study full-time or part-time
- In Grade 12, have completed Grade 12, and students at accredited higher education institutions.

TO NOTE

1.	Vulamathuba administers the Vulamathuba Empumelelo Bursary Fund (VEBF).	8.	For any queries, please contact Siphosethu Gajana at applications@vulamathuba.org.za or call 021 421 6008 .
2.	The closing date for applications is 30 November 2023 .	9.	Vulamathuba will notify those applicants provisionally awarded a bursary by 07 DECEMBER .
3.	VEBF awards bursaries annually, and renewal is at its sole discretion.	10.	If Vulamathuba has not contacted you within two months after the closing date, please accept that your application has not been successful.
4.	Successful applicants will be required to sign an agreement with Vulamathuba.	11.	VEBF will not consider incorrect and incomplete forms or applications received after the closing date.
5.	VEBF will determine the financial need of candidates using a means test.	12.	This document is not an agreement or commitment.
6.	The VEBF's selection will be final and will not enter any correspondence.	13.	The bursary will be suspended if the recipient is unsuccessful in the course of study by the completion date for which the bursary was approved
7.	The annual gross income of the household must not exceed R350 000.00 for a candidate to qualify for this funding	14.	The bursary will convert to a loan if the recipient has abandoned the course of study or has not provided proof of successful study completion by the start of the new academic period.

THE APPLICATION

CHECKLIST

1.	Fully completed application form, together with supporting documents listed below.		
2.	Certified copy, not older than six months of:		
	• Identity document or Passport of the applicant.		• Affidavit if applicant, parents, guardians, and any adult household members are unemployed
	• Permanent Residency Permit or Work Visa details if Non-South African citizen.		• Administration order, Court order, Divorce order, and Maintenance order, if applicable
	• Identity document, Passport, or Birth Certificate of a spouse, parents, guardians, and all other household members.		• Proof of residence
	• Marriage Certificate if applicable.		• Most recent, three months' proof of ALL income of applicant, spouse, parents, guardians, and all other household members.
	• Bank statements for three months of applicant, spouse, parents, guardians, and all other household members.		• Proof of application/ registration with the tertiary institution or Letter of admission from the institution
	• Death certificate if parent/s are deceased.		• Latest academic results or qualifications of the applicant
	• An affidavit explaining circumstances if the applicant is supported by someone, not a parent or legal guardian		• Matric results
3.	Essay of at least 250 words to motivate your application		
4.	A FULLY COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY 30 November 2023. PLEASE SEND IT TO:		
<i>Failure to provide all required documents by the closing date will disqualify your application.</i>			

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COMPLETE RENTAL ADDRESS		COMMUNICARE TENANT CODE	
SECTION A: APPLICANT			
Identity / Passport number	Date of birth	Age	
Surname	Title		
First name(s)			
Gender			
Citizenship	Ethnic group		
Marital status	Single <input type="checkbox"/>	Widowed <input type="checkbox"/>	Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/>
Number of dependents			
Telephone number: Home	Work		
Cell number 1	Cell number 2		
Email address one	Email address two		
Full residential address (if different to Rental Address)			
Address while studying			
Details of disability (if applicable)			
Occupation status	School learner	Tertiary student	Since
	Employed	Employed & studying	
	Unemployed	Unemployed & studying	
Highest qualification achieved	Year		
Institution where achieved			
Employer (if applicable)	Since		
Occupation/position/job title	Income		
Do you receive any form of financial assistance for your current studies?	If yes, what type of assistance do you receive?		
Have you ever received financial assistance for your studies from Vulamathuba or Communicare?	If yes, provide details, including the year.		
Any other bursary applied for or already granted?			
Institution you intend to study at Name.	Type of institution		
Have you applied to this institution?			
Have you applied to any other institution(s)	If yes, provide details.		
Name of qualification you will study for Write out in full, e.g., BSc Engineering, ND Information Technology, NHC Accounting	Duration of the study course?		
Why have you chosen this course of study? What do you intend to do when you have completed it? Use additional pages if needed.			
Student number, if available.			

Author an essay of at least 250 words in your hand:

Answer all questions

- Tell us about your family, including your parents' current circumstances.
- Tell us about yourself:
 - How would your friends describe you?
 - What is your greatest passion?
 - What are your major strengths and weaknesses?
- Give a brief overview of activities you were involved in at school (and post-matric/ tertiary) career thus far.
- What have you done should you have not been studying for the past year or more?
- Given an opportunity to tutor a matric class, which subjects do you feel most confident and capable of tutoring and why?
- Mention the committees/ organisations you belong/ed to and any community service projects you have been involved with.
- Tell us about one event or person that influenced you profoundly.
- Tell us about your further study plans and ideals for the future.
- Describe the South Africa you want to see in the next ten years.
- What leadership position(s) have you served in, and what influences has that had?

SECTION B2: PARENT / STEPPARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN / SPOUSE / OTHER																																	
Relationship to applicant																																	
Identity / Passport number						Date of birth				Age																							
Surname										Title																							
First name(s)																																	
Gender																																	
Citizenship				Ethnic group																													
Marital status		Single				Widowed				Divorced				Married																			
Number of dependents																																	
Telephone number: Home								Work																									
Cell number 1								Cell number 2																									
Email address one								Email address two																									
Full residential address <i>(if different from rental address)</i>																																	
Postal address <i>(if different from residential address)</i>																																	
Details of disability (if applicable)																																	
Employment status		Employed								Self-employed								Employed & studying															
		Unemployed								Retired								Unemployed & studying															
		Other								Please specify																							
Source of income		Salary/Wage								Own business profit								Pension								Dividend/Interest							
		Other, explain																															
Employer		Name								Income tax reference																							
		Address																															
Occupation/position/job title																																	
Annual income before deductions and tax																																	
Do you receive any form of financial assistance for your current studies?						If you answered Yes, what type of assistance do you receive?																											
Have you ever received financial assistance for studies from Vulamathuba or Communicare?						If answered Yes, provide details.																											

SECTION C: VULAMATHUBA EMPUMELELO COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS											
Do you agree to participate in community development <i>programmes</i> at Vulamathuba as part of volunteer services?								Yes		No	
Please tick one or more programme(s) of your interest:											
1.	Food Gardening Programme										
2.	Health and Wellness Programme										
3.	Dance Programme										
4.	Life Skills Programme										
5.	Tutoring and Mentoring: Adult Matric Students and First-Year Students										
6.	Special Events, eg. Mandela Day, Career expo, World AIDS Day										

SECTION D: VULAMATHUBA EMPUMELELO MARKETING																	
How did you hear about us?																	
Please tick one or more item(s)																	
Company Website				Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn)						Newspaper Article				Other			
Specify (other)																	

SECTION E: DECLARATION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I/We declare and warrant that the information given in this application is correct. Support will not be considered if the information is found to be wrong and does not comply with the criteria of the VEBF. If already awarded, the funding may be withdrawn immediately, and legal action may be instituted. I/We consent to VEBF or a representative VEBF may designate to conduct creditworthy checks and affordability assessments and verify my /our household income details to ascertain whether the applicant qualifies for funding. I/We acknowledge that the above checks and assessments by VEBF will comply with the provisions of NCA No 34 of 2005.

4. I/We acknowledge that VEBF is committed to protecting and promoting my/our personal information's privacy and fulfilling its obligations under the POPI Act No 4 of 2013.
5. I/We defend and indemnify VEBF from action or claim of any nature brought against VEBF as a result of personal loss, injury, or damage arising directly or indirectly from any act or omission on my/our part for failing to honour the above provisions, or as the case may be.
6. I/We accept and understand that VEBF does not guarantee funding to applicants.
7. I/We acknowledge and agree that I/we have read this form entirely and that I/we fully comprehend the nature, content, and implications and agree with it. I/We will be bound to it from the date of signature.

Signed at	Place		Date		Place		Date	
Name and surname								
Signature								
	APPLICANT				PARENT/STEPPARENT/GUARDIAN/SPOUSE/OTHER			